



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2015



EZRA GLAZIER

Founder of the Methodist Episcopal Church
in Topsfield.

THE
HISTORICAL
COLLECTIONS
OF THE
TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VOL. XIX

1914

TOPSFIELD, MASS.
Published by the Society.

1914

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW

Editor

THE MERRILL PRESS

Topsfield

MASS.

CONTENTS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR	
ENDING JANUARY 12, 1914,	v
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR	
ENDING JANUARY 12, 1914,	vii
EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF TOPSFIELD (1729-	
1739), COPIED BY H. F. LONG (<i>Continued</i>),	i
THE MINISTRY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH	
IN TOPSFIELD, BY LEONE P. WELCH (<i>Illustrated</i>),	89
EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF SAMUEL SEWALL	
RELATING TO TOPSFIELD	116
TOPSFIELD VITAL STATISTICS, 1913,	117
CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS, 1913,	120
BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED, 1913,	120

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SECRETARY OF THE
TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 12, 1914.

The past year must forever remain a milestone in the history of this Society for, after nearly twenty years of hopeful anticipation, the ancient "Parson Capen House" with its quaint traditions and picturesque architecture has passed into our possession. May its oaken timbers long remain a monument and a shrine for our endeavors. At the time of its erection in 1683 without doubt it was the finest dwelling in the town, and now, after its restoration, following step by step the original lines as shown by timber and mortice, today it stands, the most typical and best preserved of all the 17th century houses remaining in Essex County and probably of those in Eastern Massachusetts.

Soon after acquiring title to the property, it having been made possible to secure additional land through the assistance of a friend of the Society, this same good friend gave the sum of \$1,100, to be expended in restoring the building, a most welcome and timely gift for which the Society should be forever grateful. The work of restoration was done under the direction of your secretary after careful study of the building and much contemporaneous evidence. The finished result speaks for itself.

Mr. Wm. Sumner Appleton of Boston, the Secretary of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities and also a member of this Society, has shown much interest in the building and not only has he made numerous photographs showing the progress of the work, but through his influence Mr. Isham of Providence, the authority on Rhode Island and Connecticut houses, came to Topsfield and spent some time analyzing the structural features of the house. Mr. Appleton also secured the interest and cooperation of the Boston Society of Architects which organization delegated one of its members to visit Topsfield and make measured drawings of the framing at a time when it might be seen to best advantage. It is hoped that this material may be available for an extended architectural and historical account of the house to appear in a future issue of our Historical Collections.

The second story and attic of the Parson Capen House have been attractively fitted up as a home for a custodian of the building, water has been piped to the house from the well, a cesspool has been built, and your Directors have voted to construct a suitable woodshed in the rear.

In fitting up for occupancy the first floor of the house an effort has been made to supply only such furniture and equipment as might have been used in Parson Capen's time. Original furniture of that period is now difficult to obtain and also costly and therefore reproductions of genuine examples have been used so far as necessary. A fine oak chest (possibly a "food hutch") probably made in this vicinity before 1675 has been given by Mr. O. E. Lake and the loom in the kitchen was purchased in Groveland. It is greatly to be desired that other examples of furniture, particularly chairs and wainscot stools may in time be secured.

It has seemed best to your Board of Directors to establish the rule that these rooms be preserved as a memorial to the period of the good Parson and not to permit the introduction of any objects originally used after the year 1750. Of course many gifts of most miscellaneous character will now naturally gravitate to our custody

and the suggestion is offered that the Society should erect in the near future, upon a location in the rear and adjoining to the present parlor, a one story cement building suitably arranged to receive and display such historical and natural objects as may illustrate the growth and cultivation of the town and its people.

By the final distribution of the estate of the late Daniel Cummings of Boston, the benefactor of the Society, the sum of \$648.00 was received, together with eight additional shares of stock in the United Shoe Machinery Company, so that our present holdings amount to 37 shares.

The present membership is 235, two new members having been elected during the past year and nine having died:—Mrs Charles J. Peabody and John H. Towne, both charter members, James M. Marsh, Charles Carmody, Mrs. S. Maria Downing of Lynnfield, Mrs. Allen L. Joslin of Boston, Mrs. Mary C. Fitts of Newfields, N. H. (died in 1912), and Francis H. Lee and George L. Peabody, both of Salem. Volume 17 of the Historical Collections has been completed and distributed and Volume 18 is now in the binders' hands, while a beginning has been made on Volume 19.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
OF THE TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

1913.			
Jan. 1.	Cash balance on hand,		\$129 11
	Assessments (annual dues)	\$83 50	
	Historical Collections sold,	13 00	
	Bindings sold,	20 10	116 60
			<u>\$245 71</u>

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

PAYMENTS.

A. T. Merrill, printing Vol. 17,	\$55 19	
Interest on \$500, loan,	30 67	
" Salem Savings Bank,	3 84	
Mrs. Annah B. Jordan, real estate,	20 00	
Recording deed and plan,	3 25	
O. W. Stevens, loom, kettles, etc.,	22 63	
Miscellaneous, printing and postage,	4 00	\$139 58
Balance cash on hand,		106 13
1914.		<u>245 71</u>
Jan. 12. Balance cash on hand,	\$106 13	

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1913.			
Jan. 1.	On deposit in Salem Savings Bank,		\$961 26
Mar. 29.	Received on account residue Cummings estate,	\$560 00	
Sept. 27.	" " " " " "	88 00	
Mar. 29.	Received 8 shares United Shoe Mach'y Co. stock,		
	Dividends, 37 " " " "	84 50	
Dec. 8.	Interest on deposits in Salem Savings Bank,	21 23	
Mar. 29.	Gift from an anonymous friend to purchase extra land	100 00	
Mar. 29.	Loan from Naumkeag Trust Co.,	500 00	\$1353 83
			<u>\$2315 09</u>

PAYMENTS.

1913.			
Mar. 29.	Paid Mrs. Annah B. Jordan for Capen house and		
	1 1-5 acres of land,	\$2080 00	
	Transferred to alterations account,	235 09	\$2315 09
			<u>\$2315 09</u>
1914.			
Jan. 12.	On hand in Building Fund, 37 shares United		
	Shoe M. Co. stock at present market, \$57.	\$2109 00	
	Less outstanding loan from Naumkeag Trust Co.,	500 00	
	Present value of Fund,	<u>\$1609 00</u>	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE FRANCIS DOW,

Treasurer.

THE
EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF
TOPSFIELD, MASS.

COPIED BY HENRY F. LONG.

(Continued from Vol. XVII, page 56.)

5 The Town Manifested by a vote y^t they were willing to Joyn with our Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms & to be[ar] our proportion According to Estate of all Necessary Charges that shall or may arise in Trying to git our said Neighbours to be Layed to our Town as Township voted

6 Deaⁿ John Howlet Mr Thomas Gould & Mr William Reddington are Chosen a Committe to Joyn with the Committe that our s^d Neighbours shall Chuse to view y^e Land in said Ipswich farms & to see where a Line May Conveniently be stated to bring them into our Township voted

7 The Town Ordred y^e Trustees of y^e Last Loan Money to pay in the Intrest of sd money four pound percent to y^e Province Treasurer & fourty shillings percent to y^e Town Treasurer voted

8 The Town Allowed to Nathaniel Averill Jun^r three shillings for straighting y^e Lines round ye Parsonage
voted 0 3 0

9 The Town Allowed to Zacheus Gould sixteen shillings for four Trees to repair y^e Town bridge in y^e year 1728
voted 0 16 0

10 The Town Allowed to John Dwinell Eight shillings for Eight Trees to mend y^e ways in 1728
voted 0 8 0

11 The Town Allowed to y^e Trustees viz En^s Amos Dorman Eliezer Lake and Jacob Peabody one pound Eight shillings for their Trouble in gitting & Leting out the Towns Loan money till this time voted 1 8 0

12 The Town Allowed To Cap^t Joseph Gould fifty pounds two shillings for his service at y^e General Court as Representative in y^e year past voted

Cap^t Joseph Gould Abated three pound of y^e above s^d sum of fifty pounds two shillings so that there is due to Cap^t Gould for sd service But fourty seven pound two shillings 47 2 0

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law Directs for voting are Notified & Warned to meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday y^e Tenth Currant at three of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon.

1 To Receive y^e return or account of Mr Eliezer Lake of fenceing in y^e parsonage.

2 To see if the Town will doe anything further about the highway by Jacob Reddingtons.

3 To see what the Town will Doe about sending in their Part of the first Loan Money To the Treasurer

4 To allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield June the Seventh 1729

Joshua Towne Constable of Topsfield

Benjamin Towne by order
of the Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield June y^e 10th 1729

1 Deaⁿ John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town agreed y^t y^e Trustees for the Towns first Loan Money:shall Pay in the fourth fift part of y^e Town first Loan Money to y^e province Treasurer voted

3 The Town Allowed Thirty seven pound sixteen shillings & Ten pence three farthings to Mr Eliezer Lake for fencing in y^e Parsonage Land

£ s d f
37 16 10 3

And Ten shillings for his trouble in procuring the Timber to fence in y^e parsonage voted 0 10 00

4 The Town Allowed Ten pounds to John Perkins &

Jonathan Wildes for building the pound which was Raised
in Topsfield this year voted 10 00 00

5 The Town accepted of y^e return y^t y^e Selectmen made
of Casting the Country Rate that was formerly Committed
to Mr Zacheus Gould Constable to Collect: And sd select-
men find sd Rate to amount to one hundred Twenty Nine
pounds three shillings & Ten pence: Which is about thirteen
shillings More than he was to pay in to y^e province Treasurer
voted

Boston June 5th 1729

Received of the Trustees £ 60 000 for the Town of Tops-
field Ten pounds Eleven Shillings & three pence Interest for
Mr Trea^r Allen P Ja^s Allen

Boston July 4th 1729

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield fifty one the fourth fift
part of the £50 000 Loan by the hand of Mr Daniel Clark:

P Eben^r Swan in behalf & by order
of Jer Allen Treasurer

The two Copies Last Entered are True Copies

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Essex ss To Mr Joshua Town Constable of Topsfield
Greeting &c In his Majesties Name you are Required to
warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants on y^e North
side of y^e River in Topsfield to meet at the Meeting house in
Topsfield on Wednesday y^e Seventeenth Currant at one of
the Clock in y^e afternoon

1 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

2 To see if the Town will Provide a Pew for the Reverend
Mr John Emerson During the Term of his Ministry among
us

3 To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to advise
with Ipswich farmers our neighbours and if the Town see
Cause to Chuse a Committee to Joyn with our s^d Neighbours
to Prefer a petition to the General Court that our sd neigh-
bours may be Lay^d to Topsfield

4 To see if the Town will give Liberty for George Cowan
to Live in the watch house some time

5 To Allow Bills of Charge. And make timely return of
your doings herein to one or more of the selectmen of Tops-

field hereof fail not as you will answer the Contrary at the perril of the Law

Dat^d Topsfield Sept 12: 1729

John Howlett

In obedience to your warrant I have notified Benj^a Towne

and warned the within written Inhabitants David Balch

appear at time & place

Jacob Peabody

Joshua Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

Constable of Topsfield

A True Copy of the warrant & Return thereof

attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The south side of the river being warn^d & a proper return made the meeting is as followeth

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 17th 1729

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Matthew Peabody & Daniel Reddington Jun^r are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery for and within the County of Essex
voted

3 The Town agreed to finde a Pew on y^e right hand of the Coming in at the South Door of the meeting house for y^e Reverend Mr John Emerson for his wife & family to sit in during the Term of his ministry among us
voted

4 The Town hath made Choice of Mr William Towne & Mr Daniel Clark to agree with some suteable Person to build a pew for Mr Emerson as above s^d: and to Give Instructions to s^d person how to build s^d pew
voted

5 The Town having heard the Letter that was sent to us by the Committe for Ipswich farmers Refering to a further Tryal to be Laid to the Township of Topsfield the Town having considered the matter Agreed to send the following Answer to the s^d farmers viz ffriends and Neighbours belonging to Ipswich farms: we being Informed by a Committee of yours of your proceeding with y^e Town of Ipswsch in y^t affair of being set off to the Township of Topsfield: and we understand y^t it past in ye Negative and we also understand that several of our adjacent Neighbours are very much against Lying in Township with us: We must say to such if they can provide for themselves better we shall be very glad of it Gentlemen We Cant Give you a More sincere Invitation than

we have done already the matter Lays with you to be well united among yourselves and We stand ready to Receive you we think it not proper to Prefer a petition to the General Court at present: so We Rest your friends & Neighbours of Topsfield

Deaⁿ John Howlett y^e present Moderator is Chosen to present a Copy of the above written answer to Ipswich farmers viz to y^e Committe of s^d farmers voted

6 The Town allowed thirteen shillings to Stephen Johnson for mending seats in the meeting house in may Last past voted 0 13 0

7 The Town allowed three pound sixteen shillings & two pence to mr Joseph Towne for his time & Expenses in Trying To Git a fish Course Cleared up Ipswich River

voted 3 16 2

8 The Town allowed five pound one shilling & two pence to mr Benj^a Towne for his time & Expenses in Trying to git a fish Course Cleared up Ipswich river voted 5 1 2

9 The Town allowed two pounds fifteen shillings & two pence to Mr John Hovey for his time & Expences in Trying to git a fish Course Cleared up Ipswich river voted 2 15 2

This May Certifie Whom it May Concern that Although the Town of Topsfield At A Town Meeting May y^e 7th 1729 did Allow To me the subscriber fifty pounds two shillings for my service as Representative in the year 1728 (And I then Abated three pound of sd sum) And I have since said meeting Received the sum of fifty pound two shillings of the province Treasurer for y^e said service Therefore I Doe by these presents fully Aquitt & Discharge the said Town of Topsfield from the payment of s^d fifty pounds two shillings to me Notwithstanding the Town Vote: And also I have Delivered three pound of what I received as afore said: unto the Selectmen of Topsfield agreeable to y^e abatement above mentioned.

Joseph Gould

Dat^d Topsfield Jan^y y^e 29th: 1729-30

This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk
And Entered by order of the selectmen of Topsfield

Boston 8th June 1727 Rec^d of Mr John Willdes Constable of Topsfield Sixty seven pounds thirteen shillings & Ten pence in full for my Master Jeremi Allen Treas^r

P Geo. Rogers

Boston June 4th 1728 Rec^d of Mr John Willdes Constable of Topsfield by mr Joseph Gould thirty six pounds Eleven shillings & three pence in full

P Jer: Allen Treasurer

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Rec^d John Willdes Constable of y^e Town of Topsfield y^e sum of three pounds twelve shillings & 8^d in full for y^e County Tax for y^e s^d Town the 6th May 1727 P John Appleton Treasurer

Rec^d of John Willdes, Constable of Topsfield the sum of five pounds sixteen shillings & 9^d in full for ye County Rate for s^d Town Aprill 10: 1728 P John Appleton Connty Tre^r

The two Receipts above Entered are True Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Rec^d of Joseph Dorman Constable; Topsfield the sum of fifty three shillings and 1^d in full for the County Rate for y^e s^d Town 2-13-1

Aprill 9th 1729

P John Appleton County Treasurer

Boston July the 4th 1729 Rec^d of Mr Joseph Dorman of Topsfield forty Nine pounds three shillings & five pence in full by the hand of Mr Daniel Clark

P Eben^r Swan

in behalf & by Order of Jer Allen: Esq^r Treasurer

Topsfield November 20th 1729 Rec^d of Mr Joseph Dorman Constable The full and Just sum of six pounds one shilling and five pence in full for the Town Rate I say Rec^d by me

Nath^l Porter Town Tre^r

The three Receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

To Mr Joshua Towne Constable of Topsfield Greeting In his Majesties Name you are required to Notifie & warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield on y^e north side of the River such as are Qualified for voting as y^e Law directs: To meet at y^e Meeting house in s^d Town on Tuseday the Third day of March Next at Eight of y^e Clock in the morning on s^d day: first To Choose Town Officers as the Law Directs

2ly To Reckon with y^e Town Treasurer

3 To accept of y^e Return of Laying out a way or ways on y^e south side of y^e River in s^d Town said way being Laid out in y^e year 1729

4 To Agree with y^e Proprietors about their fence that Joyns upon y^e Parsonage

5 To agree upon a Rule to Repair the Meeting house in Topsfield

6 To see if the Town Will answer the Request of Mr^s Capen Referring to the Record Made in the Town Book Concerning herself & her Son Nathaniel

7 To see if y^e Town will allow y^e trustees of y^e Towns Last Loan money to Let s^d money any Longer out of Town

8 To Allow Bills of Charge and make timely return of your doings herein to one or more of y^e selectmen of Topsfield as you will answer y^e contrary at y^e peril of y^e Law

the Inhabitants of y ^e South Side	John Howlett
of River being	Eliezer Lake
Duly Warned & A Proper Return made	David Balch
on both	Benj ^a Towne
Warrants the meeting is as followeth	Jacob Peabody
	Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 3rd 1729-30

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing
voted

3 Luke Averill & John Dwinel are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing
voted

4 Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing
voted

5 Benj^a Towne Jesse Dorman Qu^{str} Nath^l Bordman John Willdes & John Perkins are Chosen selectmen for y^e year Ensuing
voted

6 Joseph Bordman & Thomas Gould are Chosen overseers of y^e poor
voted

7 Thomas Dwinel & Joshua Towne are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e Year Ensuing
voted

8 John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing
voted

9 David Commings Joseph Peabody Robert Perkins Daniel Gould & Aaron Estey are Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 Jacob Dorman Samuel Smith & Jonathan Wildes are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 William Reddington is Chosen Schoolmaster for y^e year Ensuing voted

12 Israel Towne & Sam^l Curtis are Chosen hogreeves for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 Benj^a Towne & David Balch are Chosen a Committee to Recken with Mr Nath^l Porter our former town Treasurer voted

14 The Town Accepted of the Return of Laying out the way from Mr Nath^l Porters Land to ye Northerly End of Mr Jacob Towns house Lott said Return bearing Date february y^e 20th 1729-30 voted

15 Whereas there is a Return made by a Committe: and is Entered in the 250th page of this Book: Which Cast some Reflection on Certain persons in this Town; the Town having Considered thereof: Do now agree to order that the names of s^d persons shall be wholly Rast out of s^d Return voted

16 Eliezer Lake Joseph Andrews & Joseph Dorman are Chosen a Committee to agree with y^e Proprietors about their fence that Joyns upon the Parsonage Land in Topsfield viz to agree upon a prise for one half of s^d fence or Else that said Proprietors shall take away one half of s^d fence And Committee to make Return of their doings in that affair by some time in May next voted

17 Nathaniel Averill Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committee To take Care to Repair the meeting house voted

18 The Town agreed that the Trustees for the Towns Last Loan Money shall not Let out any of s^d Money any Longer out of Town voted

19 The Town have agreed & Impowered the Trustees for y^e Towns former Loan money to sue for y^e Last fift part of s^d money & to pay in the same to y^e province Treasurer voted

20 The Town Allowed five shillings To Deaⁿ John Howlet

for string pieces for the bridge by sd Howletts house 1729
voted 0-5-0

21 The Town Allowed five shillings To Jesse Dorman for
Timber to mend the bridge by y^e great pond so called in
1729 voted 0-5-0

22 The Town allowed one pound six shillings To John
Perkins for sweeping the Meeting the year past voted 1 6 0

23 The Town allowed two shillings & Eight pence to
Nathaniel Averill for Eight slabs to mend Mile Brook bridge
in 1729 voted 0 2 8

24 The Town Allowed one pound to William Reddington
for serving Schoolmaster the year Past voted 1 0 0

The Several Officers Chosen at y^e above said Meeting of
whom an Oath is by Law Required: were all Sworn before
y^e Selectmen of Topsfield on y^e third & on y^e fift days of
March 1729-30

Jacob Peabody Town Cler

Boston June 9th 1729 Rec^d of Mr Samuel Curtis Constable
of Topsfield P mr Joseph Herrick seventeen pounds fifteen
shillings & six pence in full. for Mr Treasurer Allen

P James Allen

Topsfield March 17: 1729-30 Rec^d of Samuel Curtis
Constable the sum of Two pounds Eleven shillings and three
pence in full for the Town Rate I say Rec^d by me

Nath^l Porter Town Treasur^r

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest Ja
Peabody T:C

Wee the Subscribers being Desired & Impowered by y^e
selectmen of Topsfield to Lay out a way for some of y^e In-
habitants on y^e south side of y^e River in said Town: have
Laid out a way from Mr Nathaie^l Porters Land to y^e south-
erly End of Mr Jacob Towns his house Lot. y^e s^d way is
two Rods wide viz. Extending one rod on y^e southerly End
of y^e Lots now in y^e Possession of David Balch & y^e Wido
Dorothy Dorman & Jacob Dorman & Jesse Dorman & Wil-
liam Rogers & David Commings & Jacob Redington: And
one Rod on y^e Land formerly Called ffarmer Porters Land

Also y^e s^d way is Laid out two Rods wide on a strait Line
Equally between the above sd Jacob Towns & Jacob Red-
ingtons viz two rods wide on y^e southerly End of y^e above

sd Jacob Towns his house Lott & two Rods wide on the Northerly End of sd Jacob Redingtons Land & so into y^e way that Leads to the Town bridge so Called

Dat^d Topsfield ffebruary y^e 20th 1729-30 Daniel Clarke
Thomas Gould
Ivory Hovey

This is & True Copie Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & Other Inhabitants of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are Warned to Meet together at ye meeting house In Topsfield on Tuseday y^e Twenty fourth of March Currant at two of y^e Clock after noon first to Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court

2ly To see if the Town will Give Liberty for swine to go at Large as the Law directs

3 To Choose field drivers

4 To Receive the Return of the Committe that was appointed to Agree with the Propritors that Joyn fence upon y^e Parsonage

5 To Receive the Return of y^e Committee that was to Reckon with Mr Nathaniel Porter Town Treasurer

6 To see if the Town will be at y^e Cost of Making & hanging a Cart Gate on y^e Road by Nathan Bixbys House

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 18: 1729-30 Nathaniel Bordman
Luke Averill Constable

John Willdes

Benj^a Towne

Jesse Dorman

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March y^e 24: 1729-30

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Mr Ivory Hovey is Chosen on y^e Grandjury for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Ivory Hovey & Phineas Redington are Chosen on y^e Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 The Town Agreed that swine should go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty voted

5 Isaac Peabody & William Perkins are Chosen field

drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 The Town accepted of y^e Committes Return of their Reckoning with Mr Nathaniel Porter a former Town Treasurer The Return is as followeth Topsfield March 10th 1729-30 voted then we y^e subscribers Reckoned with Mr Nathaniel Porter Town Treasurer And there is in s^d Treasurers hands of y^e Towns Money 24-12-4 and there is already ordered out of that sum: the sum of 12-8-9 as witness our hands

David Balch }
Benja Towne } Committe

Nathaniel Porter Town Treasurer

7 The Town Allowed Eight pounds to Jacob Perkins Jun^r for fourty Nine rods & one half of his fence & stone wall that Joyns upon y^e parsonage it being y^e North or northwesterly End of s^d fence voted

8 The Town Agreed to make & hang a Cart gate upon y^e way that Leads to Boxford by Nathan Bixbies: & to hang s^d gate Near to y^e Corner of Mr Clarks wall Next to sd Bixbies voted

9 Jonathan Wildes is Chosen to make & hang s^d gate as afores^d voted

Topsfield March 24th 1729-30

To mr Jacob Peabody & mr John Perkins and M^r Jonathan Wildes Gentⁿ you are hereby ordred & Impowered to Perambulate and Renew bounds upon the Line Between Ipswich & Topsfield with such gentⁿ as y^e selectmen of Ipswich have appointed and to meet them at y^e house of Cap^t Thomas Perley in Boxford on March the Thirtieth Currant at one of y^e Clock if a fair day if not the next fair day

Nath^l Bordman

John Perkins

Benja Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

March 30th 1730

In persuation of y^e within Order We the subscribers Met Thomas Berry Esq^r Messer^s Increas How & Phillamen Dane and Perambulated y^e Line between Ipswich & Topsfield and Renewed the bounds by Laying stones and Marking Trees

Tho^s Berry } for Jacob Peabody } for
 Increase How } Ipswich John Perkins } Topsfield
 Philemon Dane } Jonathan Willdes }
 This is a True Copie attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

To Mr Joseph Herrick Mr David Commings and Benjamin Towne

Gentlemen you are hereby ordered & fully Impowered to Perambulate & Renew Bounds between the Towns of Salem & Topsfield: And meet with Cap^t Johathan Putnam Mr Sam^l Porter Mr John Wolcott and Mr Benj^a Browne who are appointed by Salem selectmen for s^d service: and you are to meet them at Mr Sam^l Porters Dwelling in Salem on Aprill y^e 27th Instant at Ten in y^e Morning: Dated Topsfield Aprill: 13-1730

John Perkins } Selectmen
 John Wildes }
 Benj^a Towne } of Topsfield

Aprill 27-1730 We underwritten by appointment have Met and Renewed the Bounds Mentioned first at Topsfield Line beginning at a white oak Tree Markt S W T with a heap of stones Round it Near Wenham Causway and so west south westward unto a black oak Tree & stump with stones between; The Tree mark S T then on to a heap of stones at y^e Corner of Thomas Dwinels Pasture Near Smiths Hill so called: & so on to a heap of stones Near Nickolses Brook which Seperates Middleton Jonathan Putnam Sen^r

Joseph Herrick } for Samuel Porter } for
 Benj^a Towne } Topsfield John Wolcott } Salem
 David Commings } Benj^a Browne }

A True Copy of y^e order & Return of Perambulation:
 Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cle

To Mr Joseph Herrick Mr David Commings and Benjamin Towne Gentlemen you are Hereby Impowered to Perambulate & settle bounds Between the Towns of Topsfield & Middleton with such as the selection of Middleton shall appoint and to meet them at y^e house of Mr Nath^l Porters in Topsfield on April y^e 27th Instant at one of y^e Clock afternoon for s^d service

John Perkins } Selectmen
 John Wildes }
 Benj^a Towne } of Topsfield

To the Town of Topsfield Now Assembled Whereas we the Subscribers were sometime past Chosen a Committee and ordred by s^d Town to view the way y^t Leads through Jacob Reddingtons Land in Order to turn it. and to Notifie all Parties Concerned to meet us at y^e Place: Accordingly we have done it: And Whereas we s^d Committee are also Impowdered to Lay out a way as far as s^d Reddingtons Land Goes: in Persuance there unto we have Laid out sd way as followeth Viz Two pole in upon sd Reddingtons Land at y^e Northerly End & westerly Corner, and Two pole in upon Mr Jacob Towns Land at the southerly End of sd Townes Land at y^e Corner next to Jacob Reddingtons Land: and so to Run strait the whole Length of their Lotts

Dated May the seventh 1729

Eliezer Lake

Tobijah Perkins

This is A True Copy of y^e Return: Made by said Lake & Perkins Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

April 27th 1730

We underwritten by Appointment Met & settled & Renewed the Bounds between Topsfield and Middleton: first begining at Nickolses Brook where Salem & Topsfield Line youst to Crose sd Brook: and then as sd Brook Runs and the Northerly branch to the River Called Ipswich River

Joseph Herrick	} Topsfield	John Burton	} Middleton
David Commings		Benjamin Knight	
Benja ^a Towne		Ebenezer Nichols	

A True Copy of y^e Settlement & Perambulation with Middleton. Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting are warn-ed to Assemble & Meet at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Twelveth of May Currant at two of the Clock afternoon on sd day

1 To Elect & Depute a Person to serve Representative for sd Town at the General Court to be holden at Cambridge

2 To see if y^e Town will do anything further with the proprietors that Joyn fence on y^e Parsonage

3 To see what the Town will do with the Intrest of y^e Loan money this year

4 To see if the Town will Choose a Committe to settle bounds with Boxford

5 To Consider of: and answer a Petition of Joseph Commings of Ipswich

6 To see what the Town will do Refering to a Petition of Mr Jacob Towne Entred at a Court of Sessions Refering to highway—and to do anythings that they shall think best about highways in said Town Dat^d Topsfield May 7th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield	Jesse Dorman	} Select-
	John Perkins	
	John Wildes	
	Benj ^a Towne	
		} men of Tops- field

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May 12th 1730

1 Deaⁿ John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Represent the Town at the General Court to be holden at Cambridge on the Last Wednesday of May Currant
voted

3 The Town Made Choice of Jesse Dorman to divide fence with y^e Proprietors of bare hill viz the fence between y^e said bare hill & y^e Parsonage and said Dorman is to Make up the Towns Part thereof with a sufficient Raill fence and the Town is to Allow said Dorman three shillings three pence & three farthings per rod
voted

4 The Town Agreed y^t y^e Trustees for y^e Towns Last Loan money shall pay in four pound per cent of sd Money to y^e Province Treasurer & two per cent to y^e Town Trasur^r
voted

5 Mr Zacheus Gould mr Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to settle the bounds & Perambulate y^e Line between Topsfield & Boxford with such Gentlemen as Boxford shall apoint for sd service: according to y^e Last Resolve of y^e General Court Refering to said Line
voted

6 Upon hearing a Petition of Joseph Commings of Ipswich on behalf of the Children of Joseph Commings Late of Topsfield Dec^d The Town abated the whole of y^e province Tax & Ministers Rate that was Levied on y^e Estate of^s^d Joseph Commings deceased In y^e year 1729
voted

7 Mr Joseph Bordman Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Joseph

Herrick are Chosen to Discourse with Mr Jacob Towne Referring to y^e Road Lately Laid out by s^d Townses house: and when they have heard sd Townses Terms for said Road and for the Damage he has sustained thereby: sd Committee are to make Report thereof to the Town; for further Consideration
voted

We Whose Names are under written being appointed by the selectmen of our several Towns viz Wenham & Topsfield to Renew & Perambulate bounds between our Respective Towns as y^e Law directs have accordingly attended said service and have Renewed y^e bounds According to the settlement agreed upon by the two towns Wenham & Topsfield in y^e year 1682. as witness our hands

Dated Wenham May y^e 20th 1730

Michael Dwinel	} for	Theophilus ffisk	} for
Jonathan Wildes		Ebenezer ffisk	
William Redington			
	Topsfield		Wenham

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law Directs are Notified & warned to assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the Ninth Currant at two of the Clock afternoon To Receive the Committes Return that were Chosen to Treet with mr Jacob Towne Concerning (The Notification was Not given to the Clerk)

Boston July 28th 1730

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield for the £50 000 Loan fifty one pounds Their Last fift of said Loan by the hands of ffancis Borland Esqr, for Mr Trea^s Allen

P Eben^r Swan

Boston July 28th 1730

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield for the £60 000—Grant Ten pounds Eleven shillings & three pence one years Intrrest to y^e 1st June 1730 by y^e hands of ffancis Borland Esqr for Mr Trea^s Allen P Eben^r Swan

These two receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield June 9th 1730

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town Allowed Eighteen shillings to y^e Trustees of Towns Last Loan viz Eliezer Lake Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody for their trouble in Receiving: and paying in y^e intrest of said Loan according to Town order the year past voted

3 The Town agreed & Impowered y^e present selectmen to Reckon & settle accounts with y^e Trustees of y^e Towns former Loan (namely Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr Nath^l Porter) and to Receive what intrest is yet due to the Town of said Loan for y^e Towns use: and also to pay to y^e s^d Trustees what is due to them for their service in that affair voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting: are hereby Warned & Notified; to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting-house in Topsfield the Twenty-second Instant, at two of the Clock, afternoon, on said day.

1 To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court

2 To see if the Town will Repair, or dispose of the watch house

3 To Reckon and settle accompts, with y^e overseers of the poor

4 To Choose a Committe, to give Reasons at Newbery Court, why the prayer of Mr Jacob Townes Petition ought not to be heard-or to agree with said Towne.

Dated Topsfield September 17th 1730 Nathaniel Bordman

Luke Averil Constable of Topsfield. Jesse Dorman

John Perkins

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification: Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk.

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 22nd 1730

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Mr Joseph Herrick & Mr Benj^a Towne are Chosen to

serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery voted

3 Mr Joseph Bordman, Mr John Wildes & Mr Joseph Andrew are Chosen to make sale of y^e watch house (according to their best Judgement) for the Towns benefitt any two of them agreeing in said sale it is to be Counted Vallied

voted
Lieu^t Zacheus Gould, Cap^t John Howlett, & mr Joseph Herrick Mr Benjamin Towne, & Mr Daniel Clark; are Chosen a Committe, to Treet with mr Jacob Towne Concerning the way, Lately Laid out between said Townes & Mr Jacob Redingtons. And Said Committe are hereby fully Impowerd to agree with s^d Townes for y^e s^d way & damages According to their best Judgment & discretion; if they think it Convenient: But if sd Committe dō not agree with y^e said mr Jacob Towne, about sd way, & damage he saith he sustains thereby: Then Mr Joseph Herrick, & Mr Benjamin Towne, are Chosen Agents for y^e Town; To Implead said Towne and give in y^e Reasons at y^e Next Inferior Court to be holden at Newbery why a Jury should not Come to View y^e said way voted

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as y^e Law directs for voting are Notified & warned to Assemble & Meet together at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday the Eighteenth of November Instant at Two of y^e Clock afternoon on s^d day

1 To agree on a Tax to defray Town Charges this year

2 To Choose a Committe to Agree with mr Jacob Towne about the highway by said Townes house or to give in Reasons at the Next Court Sessions why the prayer of said Townses petition ought not to be answered

3 To Choose a Committe to make up the Townes part of fence Between the parsonage and the proprietors of bare hill

4 To Allow Bills of Charge.

Dat^d Topsfield November 10th 1730

Luke Averill Constable for Topsfield

A True Copy &c

John Perkins

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield November 18th
1730

1 Qu^{tr} Nathaniel Bordman is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 The Town agreed that y^e Present selectmen shall Leivy a Tax of Ten pound To defray Town Charges voted

3 Cap^t John Howlett Mr Joseph Herrick & Mr Benj^a Towne are Chosen Committe to Treat with Mr Jacob Towne about the way that is Laid out between said Townes & Jacob Reddingtons And s^d Committe are fully Impowered to Agree with said Townes about said way & damages he sustains thereby according as they in their Prudence shall think Convenient. but if said Committee or the Major part of them do not agree with sd Towne as afore said than the said Committe are fully Impowered, to Implead y^e s^d Mr Jacob Towne at y^e Next Inferiour Court & General sessions of y^e peace to be holden at Salem & to Give in their Reasons at s^d Court why a Jury should not Come to view y^e s^d way voted

4 Mr Thomas Dwinel & Mr Joseph Towne Jun^r are Chosen to make up the Towns Part of the fence Between the Parsonage & the Proprietors of bare hill pasture voted

5 The Town Allowed seven shillings & six pence to Joseph Peabody for Timber to mend highways in y^e summer past
voted 0 7 0

6 The Town Allowed five shillings to John Wildes for one Days tendance at Salem Court Last June and three shillings for Entering warrants in y^e Court records voted

7 The Town Allowed four shillings & six pence to Qu^{tr} Nathaniel Bordman for tending one day at Salem Court the Last summer
voted 0 4 6

8 The Town Allowed three shillings to mr Joseph Herrick for perambulating with Salem & Middleton voted 0 3 0

9 The Town Allowed three shillings to David Commings for y^e same service
voted 0 3 0

10 The Town allowed one shilling to Benjamin Towne for gitting a Warrant Entred in y^e Court Records & five shillings for one Days tendance at Salem Court Last summer and three shillings for perambulating with Salem & Middleton y^e Last summer and Ten shillings for two Days tendance at Newbery Court as Agent for y^e Town and five shillings for Lawyers fees, the whole
1-4-0

11 The Town Allowed Ten shillings to Mr Joseph Herrick for two days tendance at Newbery Court as agent for y^o Town & five shillings he paid to a Lawyer voted 0 15 0

12 The Town Allowed Twelve shillings to Jonathan Wildes for making & hanging A Cart Gate on y^o Road near to Nathan Byxby in y^o summer past voted 0 12 0

13 The Town Allowed six shillings to Doc^t Michael Dwinel William Redington and Jonathan Wildes for perambulating with Wenham Last Spring 0 6 0

14 The Town Allowed three shillings to Qu^{tr} Nathaniel Bordman & Mr John Wildes for Meeting with Boxford Selectmen in order to perambulating voted 0 3 0

15 The Town Allowed to John Perkins Jonathan Wildes & Jacob Peabody six shillings for perambulating with Ipswich voted 0 6 0

16 The Town Allowed seven shillings to Joseph Towne Jun^r for Timber to mend Wheel brook Bridge in y^o summer past voted 0 7 0

17 The Town Allowed one shilling & six pence to Jacob Peabody for Timber to mend the bridge over Isaac Peabody Meadow y^o Last Summer 0 1 6

Topsfield December 17th 1730 Rec^d of John Wildes Constable for y^o year 1726 and for y^o year 1727 five pounds in full for both said years I say Received by me Nath^l Porter Town Tr

A True Copy of the Receipt attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are hereby warned and Notified to meet together at the Meeting house in said Town at two of the Clock after noon on Tuseday the Twenty Second Currant

1 To Receive the Committes Return that was Chosen to Treet with Mr Jacob Towne about the highway Laid out by said Townes house and partly on said Towns Land. And To do anything about said highway that the Town shall best by themselves or agents:

2 To Reckon & settle acompts with y^e overseers of the poor viz Joseph Bordman & Thomas Gould

Dated Topsfield December y^e 16th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield	Nathaniel Bordman John Perkins Jesse Dorman Benjamin Towne John Wildes	} Select- men of Topsfield	

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e 22nd 1730

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed that whereas there hath been a Road Lately Laid out on one side of Mr Jacob Townes Land; to meet with the Road which Leads from y^e River Bridge through y^e Land that was formerly Common to said Townes And the said Jacob Townes first Division of Common Land in Topsfield Lying on both sides of said Road: The s^d Jacob Towns shall have Liberty to hang two gates on sd Road where he shall think best against his own Land, and also that y^e whole of said Townses stone wall which is a whole wall that is against the sd Road may stand without being removed: And also the town is to pay six pound unto the said Jacob Townes for the Damages Done by sd Road
voted

3 The Town agreed that y^e selectmen shall Reckon with & settle acompts with the overseers of the poor to wit M^r Joseph Bordman & Mr Thomas Gould
voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for voting as the Law directs: Are hereby Warned and Notified To Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the Twentieth Day of Jan^y Currant At one of y^e Clock afternoon on s^d day

1 To Elect & Depute a Person to serve for & Represent them In a General Court or Assembly to be hild at Boston 2ly To see if the Town will Agree to have Lectures Dat^d Topsfield January the 5th 1730

Luke Averill Constable of Topsfield	John Perkins
	John Wildes
	Benj ^a Towne
	Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield January y^e 20th
1730-31

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Represent the Town at
y^e General Court at the Next session of sd Court to be held
at Boston voted

3 En^s Ivory Hovey Mr Thomas Gould and Jacob Peabody
are Chosen a Committe to Discourse with our Reverend
Mr Emerson to see if he will Please to Preach Lectures to us
voted

Topsfield June 3, 1730: Received of Mr Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer by the hand of his son Ivory five pounds in
full for my half years Salary from September y^e second to
the second of Last March: by me John Emerson

Topsfield March 7th 1729-30 Rec^d of Mr. Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer y^e sum of fifteen pounds Ten shillings in
full for the second hundred pounds settlement by me

John Emerson

The Two Receipts above written by me are True Copies
Attest Ja^b Peabody Town Cler

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for vot-
ing; are hereby warn^d to Assemble and meet together at y^e
meeting house in Topsfield, on Tuseday the second day of
March next at Eight of the Clock in the morning

To Make Choice of Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen,
Town Treasurer And other Town officers annually to be
Chosen by the Direction of the Law; also to Reckon & set-
tle accompts with our Town Treasurers; also to accept of
the return of the selectmens Laying out of a highway for Mr
George Bixby from his Land, to the Road that Leadeth
from Mr Jacob Towne To the Town Bridge: also to Choose
a Committe to agree with Mr David Commings for y^e fence
he hath set up about the Parsonage Also to accept of the
Return of the selectmens Turning the highway by Mr Sam-
uel Howlets Also to see what the Town will do [with] what
Money & goods the selectmen have in their hands that they
Received of the overseers of the poor. Dat^d Topsfield Feb-
ruary the 18th 1730

Selectmen of Topsfield

1730-1

ing

suing

Constables for y^e year Ensuing

year Ensuing

the year Ensuing

Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing

Ensuing year

ing year

are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing

y^e year Ensuingy^e year Ensuing

& settle accompts with the Town Treasurers

Laying out a way for George Bixby, from said Bixbies own Land over Israel Townes Land to the Road that Leads from Mr Jacob Townes: to the Town bridge (so Called) Provided that y^e said Bixby shall Pay the Cost that shall arise thereby

14 The Town Accepted of y^e Return of y^e selectmens Turning the way from Samuel Howletts gate by Nath^l Capens orchard to the Training field voted

15 Mr Jacob Estey, Mr David Balch & Mr Joseph Robinson are Chosen a Committe to agree with David Commings about the fence he hath set up about the Parsonage And also the said Committe are Impowered to Divide fence with y^e Proprietors of bare hill so far as said Proprietors Joyn upon y^e Parsonage voted

17 Whereas there is some of y^e Estate of the Widow Mary Averill (Late of Topsfield deceased:) In the hands of the selectmen: The Town do now order that the sd Estate shall be Delivered unto Mary Jackson or her order if there be opportunity for it she being a Daughter of said Deceased, & a poor widow voted

18 The Town having heard the acompt of Mr Nath^l Porter a former Town Treasurer do now aquit and discharge y^e sd Treasurer from all dues or demands on that account he Paying all former orders voted

The Town officers all sworn on y^e 2nd & on y^e 9th days of March 1730-31 Except y^e assessors

At A Lawfull Meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield December the 25:1730 we Laid out a Perticular, or highway, for Mr George Bixby, Beginning at the south Easterly Corner of the said Bixbies own Land: Where his now dwelling house is so Running straight on in the same Range of Lotts A Cross Israeel Townes Land-and Coming into the highway (that Leadeth from Mr Jacob Townes to y^e River bridge) by a Tree standing in y^e said Israel Towns wall: and we Laid it out two Rods wide upon the Southerly side of the Middle Range of Lotts: so Called by the proprietors or Lot Layers

Nathaniel Bordman	}	Selectmen
Jesse Dorman		
John Perkins	}	of Topsfield
John Willdes		
Benj ^a Towne		

At A Lawfull Meeting of the selectmen of Topsfield Decem^r y^e 11th 1730 We altred the Laying of the highway

that Lyeth from Samuel Howlets Gate To the County Road :
and Layed it from said Gate by Mr Nath^l Capens orchard
Turning Round as sd Capens fence now standeth to the
Training field : and we Laid it out Two rods wide.

Nath ^l Bordman	} Selectmen of Topsfield
John Wildes	
Benj ^a Towne	

The Two Returns above written are True Copies attest
Jacob Peabody Town Cle

An account of y^e remains of y^e Estate of y^e widow Mary
Averil, Deceased

January y^e 25 : 1730 Then Reckoned and settled accompts
with the overseers of the poor and all accompts Cleard with
them : and there Remains in our hands that we have Re-
ceived of them ; Eight shillings & six pence And one sute of
silk Crape Cloths for a woman ; two pairs of old stockings
and an old boulster, one Bible & severall pieces of Books

We both parties have set to our hands	John Perkins
Joseph Borman	} overseers of y ^e poor
Thomas Gould	
	Nath ^l Bordman
	John Wildes
	Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody T: Cle

Topsfield January : 25 : 1730-31 Received of Mr Ivory
Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Eleven Pounds seven shil-
lings & Eight pence in full, for my half years Salary from
March 2 : 1729-30 to Sept 2 : 1730

I say Rec^d by me John Emerson

Topsfield March 2 : 1730-31 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer the sum of fifty pounds in full for my Last
years sallary from September 2 : 1730 to March 2 : 1730-31

I say Received by me John Emerson

£50-^s00-^d00 The two Receipts above written are True
Copies Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The ffreeholders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Tops-
field such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are
hereby warned & Notified to meet together at the Meeting
house in Topsfield on Thursday the Eighteenth Currant at
Two of the Clock on sd day

I To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court

2 To see if the Town will Give Liberty for swine to go at Large

3 To Receive the Return of the Committe that was to Divide fence with the Proprietors of Bare Hill

4 To see if the Town will give Liberty to Build a Pew or Pews in the meeting house

5 To Choose a man or men to Repair the meeting house Also to allow bills of charge

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 9th 1730-31 John Howlett

Matthew Peabody Constable of Topsfield John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting In Topsfield March y^e 18th 1730-31

1 Mr Tho^s Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Tobjah Perkins is Chosen to serve on y^e Grand jury : & Lieu^t Zacheus Gould & Mr Jonathan Wildes are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich
voted

3 The Town Doth give Liberty for swine to go at Large in this Town according as the Law gives Liberty
voted

4 The Town allowed to John Perkins one pound Eight shillings for sweeping the meeting house in y^e year 1730
voted 1 8 0

5 The Town allowed to Samuell Smith Ten shillings for Timber to mend or make the Bridge by Nathan Bixbyes in y^e year 1730
voted 0 10 0

6 The Town Allowed to Capt^t Joseph Gould seven shillings for Timber to Mend y^e bridge by Nathan Bixbyes in y^e year 1730
voted 0 7 0

7 The Town allowed to Daniel Gould three shillings for Timber to mend or make y^e bridge by Nathan Bixbies in 1730
voted 0 3 0

8 The Town allowed to Lieu^t Zacheus Gould seven shillings, for Timber to Make the bridge by Nathan Bixbys; in y^e year 1730
voted 0 7 0

9 The Town allowed to William Reddington Twenty shillings for Being Schoolmaster for y^e Town in y^e year 1730
voted 1 0 0

10 En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a Committe to take Care to Repair y^e Meeting house voted

11 And the sd Committe are to Discourse with mr John Prichard in the first place to see if they can agree with sd Prichard to doo the work of Repairing y^e meeting house

voted

12 The Town accepted of y^e Committies Return of divid-ing fence with y^e proprietors of Bare Hill Pasture. And also of their agreement with David Commings for y^e fence he had formerly set up on y^e Parsonage Line: which was for two pounds four shillings. 2 4 0

13 The Town Allowed to Thomas Dwinel & Joseph Town Jun^r Two pounds Nine shillings & Eight pence: for fifteen Rods of fence, which they have set up this Spring on y^e parsonage Line next to bare hill Pasture voted 2 9 8

14 The Town Allowed to Lieu^t Zacheus Gould sixteen shillings and ten pence for three Rods & a Quarter and half a Quarter of stone [wall which] will bring the Norwest End of his wall between the parsonage & Bare hill pasture

voted 0 16 10

We Whose Names are under written being a Committe Chosen by y^e Town of Topsfield to agree with Mr. David Comings for some fence he set up about the parsonage: Also to divide fence with the proprietors of bare Hill that Joyn to the parsonage: Likewise we have seen sd Com-minges fence & find it to be Eleven Rods of stone wall and two foot And we have agreed to give him for it Two pounds four shillings 2 4 0 And we did Notifie y^e Proprietors of bare Hill: to Appear: and some did not: and we find the men that Joyn Lands to be Lieu^t Zacheus Gould, and Luke Averill, and William Perkins, and said Goulds Land Joyns six Poles & three Quarters And Averills Joyns Ten Poles and one third part of a pole:—And Perkins Joyn Thirty two Poles and three foot and we set Bounds in y^e Middle of Each Mans Lott. and we Chose the Norwest End of Each of their Lotts Jacob Estey

March 18th 1730-31

David Balch

Joseph Robinson

This is a True Copy of y^e Return Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

Essex ss To Mr Samuel Bradstreet, Constable of y^e Town of Topsfield; Greeting. In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to Notify & warn all the Freeholders; & other Inhabitants on y^e North side of y^e River, in Topsfield; Such as are Quallified as y^e Law directs for Voting: To meet at y^e Meeting house in said Town on ffryday y^e fourteenth day of May Currant, at three of the Clock in y^e after noon first To Chuse a Representative.

2 To see if the Town will give order to y^e Committe that is to Repair the Meeting house; to Draw Money out of y^e Town Treasury for said Service.

3 To see if y^e Town will Chuse a Committe to Petition to the General Court or use any other Lawfull Means to have a fish Corse Cleared up Ipswich River.

4 To all[ow] Bills of Charge

5 To see what the Town will doe with y^e intrest of their Loan Money

6 To see if the Town will Chuse a Committe to settle bounds with Boxford: or doe anything about said Line that y^e Town shall then think best

And Make Return of your doings herein: unto one or more of y^e Selectmen of said Town one hour at Least before said time of Meeting: as you will Answer the Contrary at y^e Perrill of y^e Law

Date^d Topsfield May y^e 13th 1731

John Howlett

Joseph Herrick

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

Jacob Peabody

Selectmen of Topsfield

Essex ss Pursuant to the within order from the selectmen of Topsfield: I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield on the North side of the River duly Quallified to vote to assemble & meet at time & place to act upon the several Perticular Articles within Mentioned

Dat^d Topsfield May the 14th 1731 Samuel Bradstreet Constable of Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e warrant & Return attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the south side of y^e river being Likewise warned the meeting was as followeth

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 14th 1731

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Represent the Town at y^e General Court, on y^e Twenty sixth day of May Currant:
And so at the several sessions of y^e s^d Court
voted

3 The Town gave order, to Ens Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody to draw sixteen pound out of the town Treasurey to Enable them to go on with y^e Repairing the Meeting house
voted

4 The Town hath made Choice of Cap^t Joseph Gould the present Representative To Joyn with y^e Persons that are or may be Chosen by the neighbouring Towns to prefer a Petition to this General Court in order to git a fish Corse Cleard up Ipswich river
voted

5 Mr Benjamin Towne is Chosen to Procure the Copies of the petitions that has been Put in to the: sessions of y^e Peace: for y^e Gitting a fish Corse Cleared up Ipswich river and the Courts order upon it. sd Towne is to deliver sd Copies to Cap^t Joseph Gould to Enable him to Manage the Petition at the General Court
voted

6 Mr Benj^a Towne is ordred to draw Twenty shillings out of the Town Treasurey to defray the Charge of sd Copies
voted 100

7 The Town Allowed Twelve shillings to Eliezer Lake, Tobijah Perkins, and Jacob Peabody: for their trouble in taking in y^e intrest of the Towns Loan Money for y^e year past & disposing of the same according to the Towns order
voted

8 The Town ordred that the Towns part of the Intrest of the Loan money shall be paid in to the Town Treasurer for the Towns Use he giving a Receipt for y^e same: And the Trustees are to send the Rest of y^e Intrest of s^d Loan to the province Treasurer as y^e Law directs
voted

9 Mr Thomas Gould Mr John Curtis & John Hovey are Chosen a Committe And Impowred to Joyn with y^e Committe that is or may be Chosen by the Town of Boxford, to settle the bounds on y^e Line between Topsfield & Boxford According to the Last Resolve of the General Court Referring to s^d Line (Excepting that part of the Line from An-

drawses Dam; to fishing Brook) and said Committe are Impowred to settle a straight Line from said Dam to the fishing Brook: as near as they Can, to y^e Place where the Revilet Mentioned in said Resolve did run into fishing brook at y^e time when y^e said Resolve passed at the General Court: According to the best Information that May be had: by Liveing Evidence. haveing a like Regard to the benefit of Each Town voted

We whose Names are under written being a Committe Chosen and Impowred by the Towns of Topsfield and Boxford Respectively. to settle the bounds between Topsfield and Boxford: according to the Last Resolve of the General Court. Anno: 1707: have accordingly settled the Line between said Topsfield and Boxford: from the Apple Tree in Cap^t Perleys field, to a stake and heap of stones at the south easterly corner of Mr Bakers farm now in Boxford: and from thence to a damm Called Andrewses damm Near Mr Thomas Goulds house; and from thence being the Place where y^e water now Runs under s^d damm: thence southerly to a stake and heap of stones by the fishing Brook, on y^e Easterly side of the Revolet Runing into sd Brook: and then as the said Book runs into the River Called Ipswich River: then up said River to Middleton Line.

Dat^d Topsfield June 17th 1731

John Hovey

This is a True Copy of the Return Tho^s Perley

of the settlement of the bounds or Tho^s Gould

Line Between Topsfield & Boxford. Thomas Pearley Jun^r

Attest Jacob Peabody

John Andrew

Town Clerk

John Curtis

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, such as are duly Quallified as the Law directs for voting; are hereby warned, and Notified to Meet together at y^e Meeting house in said Topsfield: on Wednesday, the fifteenth of September Currant at one of the Clock after noon

1st To see What Advice & Instruction said Town will Give to their Representative Refering to his Majesties Thirteenth Instruction To his Excellency in supplying the Treasary:

2^{ndly} To Choose Jurymen for Newbery Court. 3^{rdly} To allow bills of Charge

4 To see if s^d Town will Agree to have Contributions for Mr Emerson and how often they shall be: dated Topsfield Sep^t y^e 8th 1731 Benjamin Towne by order

Matthew Peabody Constable of the Selectmen of Topsfield
At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 15th 1731.

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 John Prichard & William Reddington are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

3 The Town allowed to Jacob Reddington three shillings for Timber to mend highways in 1731
0 3 0

4 The Town allowed Two shillings to George Byxbe for a hollow Log to Lay in a gutter
voted 0 2 0

5 The Town Allowed one pound Eight shillings and three pence to Eliezer Lake & Joseph Towne Jun^r as Surveyuers for Two Tun, & thirty three feet of Timber to Mend the Bridge over y^e River in June 1731;
voted 1-8-3

6 The Town Allowed Eight shillings to the Heirs of Joseph Commings Late of Topsfield deceased: for About two Rod of stone wall which s^d Commings Made about the Parsonage said 8^s to be paid to Jacob Peabody: for the sole Use & benefit of y^e s^d heirs
voted

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law directs for voting are Notified and Warned to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the seventh of December Next at Twelve of the Clock on said day: first to see How Much Money said Town will agree to have Raised to defray Town Charges

Secondly, To allow Bills of Charge John Howlet

Dated Topsfield November y^e 24th 1731 John Wildes

Samuel Bradstreet Constable of Benj^a Towne

Topsfield Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield December y^e 7th 1731

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Allowed to Jacob Peabody 14-12-7 for Sunday's bought and work done towards Repairing of the meeting house in 1731
voted 14 12 7

3 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey 7-12-2 for several things bought for the Repairing the Meeting house in the year 1731 voted 7 12 2

4 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody To pay for glazzing the Meeting house in the year 1731 voted 7 5 0

5 The Town Allowed to William Reddington 0 9^s 0 for specks to fasten up the Troughs on the Meeting house in y^e year 1731 voted 0 9 0

6 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody 14^s-6^d for work done by Nathan Hood on y^e meeting house in July Last voted 0 14-6

7 The Town Allowed to Nathaniel Capen 5^l-0-0 for finding materials and building the Pew which M^{rs} Emerson sits in on Sabbath Days voted 5 0 0

8 The Town Allowed To Nathaniel Capen one pound for boarding John Safford & keeping his horse while he set the glass in the meeting house in the year 1731 voted 1 0 0

9 The Town Agreed that this Meeting should be Adjourned to Tuseday the fourteenth Currant at Twelve of the Clock on said day voted

The Moderator Adjourn^d the Meeting accordingly

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield held by adjournment from y^e 7th Day of December 1731 To the 14th day of the same month and then Met, first The Town Allowed to Daniel Gould 2^s for Timber to Mend the bridge by Nathan Bixbies in y^e year 1730 voted 0-2-0

2 The Town allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody 14^s for half a thousand of short shingles: bought of Daniel Gould to repair the meeting house voted 0 14 0

3 The Town allowed to Jesse Dorman five shillings for two string pieces for the bridge by Jacob Dormans in y^e year 1731. voted 0 5 0

4 The Town allowed To Thomas Baker six shillings, for Timber to Mend the bridge by Jacob Dormans in 1731 voted 0 6 0

5 The Town allowed to Jacob Robinson four shillings for timber voted 0 4 0

6 The Town allowed to Nathan Bixby five shillings for

Carting five hundred of board from Salem to the Meeting house this year 0 5 0

7 The Town Allowed to Jacob Averill three shillings & 4^d for slabs to mend mile Brook Bridge 0 3 4

8 The Town allowed to John Perkins one shilling & six pence for Timber voted 0 1 0

9 The Town Allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey & Jacob Peabody Twenty six pound for work done on y^e meeting house by mr John Prichard & his son Eli Prichard in y^e year 1731 voted 26 0 0

10 The Town Agreed that the Selectmen shall Levey a Tax of Twenty pound (besides the Bills of Charge that are already allowed) to Defray Town Charges voted

Topsfield November: 18: 1731 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of two pounds Ten shillings in full for my half years Salary from March 2: 1731 to September 2: 1731 by me John Emerson

The receipt Last Entered is a True Copy Attest

Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

These are to Notifie the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Town of Topsfield Quallified as the Law directs for voting to meet at y^e Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the seventh day of March next At Eight of the Clock in y^e morning

1st To Choose Town Officers as the Law directs

2 To Allow bills of Charge, and also to Reckon with the Town Treasurer

Dat^d Topsfield ffebruary 23rd 1731-2

John Howlett

John Willdes

Benj^a Towne

Jacob Peabody

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting In Topsfield March 7th 1731-2

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 John Perkins & Aaron Estey are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 The said Aaron Estey agreed with: and the Town accepted of Thomas Dwinel to serve as Constable in the room or stead of said Estey voted

5 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 Thomas Gould Quartermaster Nathaniel Bordman, George Byxbe Richard Towne, & Joseph Dorman are Chosen Selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

7 John Hovey is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 John Towne, Thomas Dwinel, & Jacob Dorman, are Chosen Tythingmen for the year Ensuing voted

9 Daniel Redington Ju^r Jacob Redington, William Rogers & John Towne Jun^r are Chosen Surveyars of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 Nathaniel Porter, Eliezer Lake, & Thomas Baker, are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 Benjamin How, & Joseph Towne Jun^r are Chosen Hog-reaves for y^e year Ensuing voted

12 John Dwinel & Samuel Curtis are Chosen field drivers for y^e year Ensuing voted

The Several Persons above named, that were Chosen to office who the Law Requires to be sworn: All toke the oath belonging to there Respective offices on the seventh & on y^e Tenth days of March 1731-2 Except William Rogers and Jacob Dorman

Entred by order of the selectmen

p Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Lawfully Quallified for voting are hereby Notified & warned to Conven together at the meeting house on Tuseday y^e Twenty first of this Instant att one of the Clock after noon

1 To Choose three Jurymen one to Serve on y^e Grand Jury and the other on the Jury of Tryalls

2 To see what the Town will do Concerning Reckoning with the Town Treasurer.

3 To see what the Town will do Concerning a School-master.

4 To see if the Town will make Choice of a Committe to

New Seat the Meeting house and give them Instructions.

5 To see if the Town will Agree y^t Hogs shall run at Large

6 To Allow Bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 17th 1731-2 Richard Towne by
order of the Selectmen

Thomas Dwinel Constable of Topsfield

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March 21st 1731-2

1 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen moderator for this meeting

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen to Serve on y^e grand jury for
y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Simon Bradstreet & William Perkins are Chosen to
y^e Jury of Tryalls At the Next Inferior Court to be holden
at Ipswich voted

4 Cap^t John Howlett Mr Eliezer Lake & Mr George
Bixby are Chosen a Committe to provide a Schoolmaster
for the Town and agree with him for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 The Town agreed that the said Committe shall order
the School to be kept two thirds of the time on y^e North
Side the River & one third on the south side of y^e River

voted

6 Cap^t Joseph Gould, Mr Eliezer Lake, mr Jacob Dor-
man: mr Joshua Towne And mr Joseph Robinson: are
Chosen a Committee to New seat People in the meeting
house: and the Major part of them agreing it shall be
vallied

voted

7 The Town [agreed] that Swine shall goe att Large the
year Ensuing according as the Law gives Liberty

voted

8 The Town Gave Liberty To Mr Eliezer Lake mr George
Bixby, mr Joseph Herrick, Mr Daniel Redington Jun^r Phineas
Redington to Sit up a stable of thirty foot Long at the south-
erly End of Ipswich farmers stable

voted

9 The Town Allowed to Cap^t Joseph Gould one pound
twelve shillings and three pence for his Expences in the
affair of the fish Corse

voted 1-12-3

10 The Town Allowed to Cap^t Joseph Gould six shillings
for Timber to mend the highways in y^e year 1731

voted 0-6-0

11 The Town Allowed to John Perkins one pound and
Eight shillings for sweeping the Meeting house the Last
year

voted 1-8-0

12 The Town Allowed to William Redington Ten shillings
for Serving the Town as a Schoolmaster in y^e year 1731

voted 0-10-0

Topsfield March: 7th 1732: Received of mr Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer the sum of fifty pounds in full for my half
years Salary from September 2: 1731 to March 2: 1732
by me John Emerson

A True Copie of the receipt Given by mr Emerson:
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Boston May 26 1731

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield by Cap^t Joseph Gould,
Ten Pounds Eleven Shillings & three pence Intrest to the
1 June 1731, for M^r Treasurer Allen P Eben Swan

A True Copie Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for vot-
ing are hereby Notified and warned to Convene together at
the meeting house on Wednesday the seventeenth day of
this Instant May; att two of the Clock in ye afternoon

1 To Choose a Representative to serve att the great and
general Court.

2 To see what the Town will do Concerning their being
fined for want of [a] Schoolmaster

3 To see how the Town will Improve the intrest of the
Loan Money

Dated Topsfield May the 12th 1732 Thomas Gould
John Perkins Constable of Topsfield Joseph Dorman

George Bixby
Richard Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 17th 1732

1 Mr John Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen to serve for and Represent
the Town at y^e General Court voted

3 Cap^t John Howlett & En^s Ivory Hovey are Chosen
Agents for the Town To make Application to the Judges of
the Inferior Court at the next General Sessions of the peace
in the County of Essex. To try if they can git the fine

Abated which the Town is fined for want of a Schoolmaster
voted

4 The Town agreed y^t y^e Towns part of the intrest of the Loan Money shall be Disposed of in Manner following viz: Twelve shillings thereof is Allowed to the Trustees for their trouble about the sd Loan in this Instant Month: and the remaining part thereof of which is four pound thirteen shillings & seven pence: the s^d Trustees are to deliver to the Committe for the School in order to pay the Schoolmaster as far as that will goe.
voted

Boston May 31: 1732

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield for the £ 60000. ten pounds Eleven shillings and three pence Intrest to June 1732. by Mr Jacob Peabody, for Mr Treasurer Allen.

P^r Eben Swan

Boston May 31st 1732

Rec^d of M^r Samuel Bradstreet Constable of Topsfield sixty pounds five shillings and Six pence in full: by mr Jacob Peabody, for Mr Treasurer Allen,

P^r Eben Swan

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies attest Jacob Peabody Toⁿ Cle

The ffreholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified to Convene together at y^e Meeting house on Tuse-day y^e fourteenth of this Instant Month at one of y^e Clock in y^e afternoon on sd day.

1 To Chuse Jury men for Newbery Court according to Warrant

2 To See if y^e Town will give y^e Committy y^t was Chosen to seat y^e People in the Meeting house, Instructions: or Chuse a New Committe, if they Refuse to serve.

3 To see if the Town will Chuse a man to go and know the Reason y^t y^e fish Courses upon Ipswich River be not opened according order

and to Doe any other thing or things y^t shall be thought Needful on s^d day.

And Also to Allow Bills of Charge.

Dat^d Topsfield September y^e 9th 1732. Richard Towne by John Perkins Constable of Topsfield order of Selectmen

At A Legall Town meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 14th 1732

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 William Rogers & David Commings are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
voted

3 Joseph Bordman, John Hovey, John Willdes, Joshua Towne, & E:dmund Towne are Chosen a Committe to New seat y^e People; in y^e Meeting house.
voted

4 the s^d Committe to observe y^e following Instructions in seating, viz. To show respect to persons above sixty years of age before Money in younger men and then to seat the rest of y^e People according as they or their predecessors paid to y^e Last years Rates
voted

5 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Agent for y^e Town; to Joyn with y^e Agent for the Town of Reading, to Inquire of the owners of the Severall Mills on Ipswich River, to know the reason why they have not Made Convenient waists in their Respective Mill Dams for a passage for fish, agreeable to an order of the General Court, bearing date January 21: 1731. And in Case the owners of the several Mill dams, Mentioned in sd order of Court, or Either of them, shall refuse, or any Longer Neglect, to make a Convenient Waist in Each of their Respective Mill dams, for the free passing & repassing of fish According to s^d order of the General Court; then y^e s^d agent is to Petition to y^e General Court with y^e agent for Reading, in order to git the same Effected
voted

6 The Town Allowed Ten pound, six shillings, & five pence, to the Committe for the School, Which (with 1^l-13^s-7^d which is already allowed) is to pay the Schoolmaster for five Months Service
voted 10-6-5

7 The Town allowed one pound Twelve shillings, to the Committe for y^e School to pay the widow Dorothy Robison for boarding the schoolmaster one month this summer

The Town allowed four pounds Nine shillings to En^s Ivory Hovey for work done by Nathan Hood on y^e Meeting house & for oyl, Nails & Spanish brown in 1732
voted 4 9 0

9 the Town allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey Ten shillings for his trouble in taking the Care of repairing the Meeting house
voted 0 10 0

10 the Town allowed to En^s Ivory Hovey sixteen shillings for his time & Expences in gitting off the fine which was Laid upon y^e Town for want of a Schoolmaster voted 0 16 0

11 The Town Allowed Sixteen shillings to Cap^t John Howlett for his time And Expences in gitting off the fine which was Laid upon the Town for want of a Schoolmaster
voted 0 16 0

12 The Town Allowed Ten shillings to Jacob Peabody for his trouble in taking Care of repairing the Meeting house
voted 0 10 0

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield, such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting, are hereby Notified, and warned to Conven together, at the Meeting house in Topsfield, on Tuseday the Seventh of this Instant Month, at one of y^e Clock in the after noon.

1 To see if y^e Town will raise money to defray the Town Charges.

2 To see if the Town will see fit To Build seats or pews in the Meeting house or give any other person or persons Leave.

3 To see if the Town will provide Samuel Howlett, a way to Come at his Meadow, on the south side of the River.

4 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield November y^e 1st 1732. Richard Towne by
Thomas Dwinel Constable of Topsfield. order of the
Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield November 7th
1732

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 John Hovey is Chosen to Enter the votes at this meeting
voted

3 The Town agreed to raise sixty five pounds, to defray Town Charges And for our Deputy Deaⁿ Jacob Peabody if need be
voted

4 The Town allowed to mr Eliezer Lake & mr George Bixby three pound for money they have paid to the Schoolmaster
voted

5 The Town agreed that there shall be seats built upon the East, South and West sides of the meeting house where there is Convenient places (not formerly Granted) upon the Towns Cost voted

There is taken up by John Wildes of Topsfield, a Bay horse with a black Tail & Main, about thirteen hands high: the sd horse hath no brand nor Ear mark: but is a very Large Trotter.

Rec^d to be put on Record November y^e 6th 1732

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Lawfully Quallified for voting: are hereby Notified To Conven together at the Meeting house, on Tuseday the sixth of March Next at Eight of y^e Clock in the morning

1 To Choose a Town Clerk Constables, Selectmen Town Treasurer & other Town Officers as the Law directs. 2^{ly} To see if the Town will Grant Liberty to Mr Jacob Towne to Erect a third gate upon the highway between the said Towne and Mr Redington: also to see if the Town will Let them Improve the way in the Common Lott

3ly To Choose Jurymen for Ipswich Court 4ly To allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield ffebruary y^e 23rd 1732-3 Richard Towne
Thomas Dwinel Constable of Topsfield by order of
the selectmen

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 6th 1732-3

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing voted

3 Samuel Smith & Doc^t Michael Dwinel are Chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing voted

4 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen town Treasurer for the year Ensuing voted

5 Cap^t John Howlett, David Balch, John Wildes, William Redington, and Tobijah Perkins, are Chosen selectmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 John Hovey is Chosen sealler of Leather for the year Ensuing voted

7 Aaron Estey, Jonathan Perkins, & Daniel Gould, are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year Ensuing voted

8 Joseph Andrew, Matthew Peabody, and Joshua Towne are Chosen Surveyers of highways for the year Ensuing voted

9 Mr Joseph Herrick, & mr Joseph Towne are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing voted

10 John Dwinel, & Samuel Boyd, are Chosen Hogreaves for y^e year Ensuing voted

11 The Town Allowed Twelve pound to the Committe for y^e School to pay the Schoolmaster for the Last four Months Service in keeping School voted 12 00 00

12 The Town allowed Ten shillings to Jacob Redington for a Tun of white oak Timber voted 00 10 00

13 The Town Allowed Ten shillings to Quar^{mr} Nath^l Bordman for his Service at Boston in Trying to prevent Midletons being made a Township voted 00 10 00

14 The Town allowed Twenty shillings to En^s Ivory Hovey for his trouble in Serveing as Town Treasurer for four years Last past voted 1 0 0

15 The Town Allowed Twenty five pounds, thirteen shilling to Jacob Peabody for Representing the Town at the General Court in y^e year past voted 25 13 0

16 The Town Allowed two shillings to En^s Ivory Hovey for Timber to Mend the high ways in 1731 & 1732 voted 0 2 0

The Several Officers Chosen at the above said Meeting: which the Law Requires to be Sworn: All appeared at the house of Mr Daniel Clark Innholder in Topsfield: immediately after the said Meeting was over and then took the oath belonging to their Respective offices. Excepting Aaron Estey

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 20th 1732-3

1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this meeting voted

2 Mr Nath^l Bordman is Chosen to serve on y^e grand jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

3 Mr Phineas Redington, and mr Solomon Gould, are Chosen to serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich for y^e County of Essex voted

4 Mr Thomas Gould, Mr Nathaniel Porter & Mr David Balch: are Chosen A Committe to provide a Schoolmaster for the Town. for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 The Town agreed that swine shall or May go at Large the year Ensuing they being well yoked and ringed as the Law Directs voted

6 The Town Allowed four shillings to Jacob Peabody for damage done to Joseph Hows Ladder when in the Towns Use voted

7 The Town Allowed to John Perkins one pound Eight shillings for sweeping y^e meeting house y^e Last year voted

8 The Town Allowed five shillings: to Thomas Perkins for an Iron Cap for the top of the vein post on the meeting house it was put on in 1731 voted

9 The Town Allowed one pound one shilling to Joshua Towne it being an abatement of the Rates for Eben^r Russells head voted

We the Subscribers Being appointed by y^e selectmen of our several Towns viz Wenham and Topsfield to Renew, & Perambulate bounds between our Respective Towns as the Law directs, have Accordingly Attended s^d Service and have Renewed the bounds, according to settlement of the Bounds Between our towns in the year 1682: which bounds we do agree unto as witness our hands.

Dat^d in Topsfield May y^e 2nd 1733

Tho^s Tarbox
Benjamin ffisk

A True Copy of the return of perambulation with Wenham attest Jacob Peabody Town Cle:

John Perkins
Will^m Reddington.

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs, are hereby Notified and warned to Convene together at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Tusday y^e fifteenth day of May Currant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to Elect and Depute a Man to serve for and Represent our Town in a Great and General Court or Assembly to be Convened held & kept for his Majesties service at y^e Court house in Boston up[on] Wednesday the thirtieth Day of May Instant, and to see how y^e will order or agree that the School shall be kept and in what part of the Town and how often

to be removed and to see if y^e Town will allow a gate to be hanged acrose the Road beyond Nathan Bixbys house and to allow Bills of Charge

John Howlett	}	Selectmen
Tobijah Perkins		of
William Reddington		Topsfield

Michael Dwinel Constable of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 15th 1733

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen to serve for & Represent y^e Town at y^e Great and General Court to be held & kept at y^e Town house in Boston on y^e 30th day of May Currant and so in y^e several Sessions of s^d Court till it be dissolved voted

3 The Town allowed six shillings To Nathaniel Porter, Joseph Town and John Wildes for Perambulating with Salem men on y^e 30th day of Aprill 1733

4 The Town allowed Eighteen shillings To Eliezer Lake, Tobijah perkins & Jacob Peabody Trustees for y^e Towns Last Loan for their trouble in taking in the intrest of said Loan this year voted 00 18 00

5 The Town Allowed to y^e Com^{tee} for y^e School viz mr Tho^s Gould M^r Nath^l Porter, & mr David Balch, four pound Twelve shillings to pay the Schoolmaster for his service one Month in keeping school he boarding himself voted 4-12-0

6 The Town Allowed six pounds to Jacob Peabody for his serving at the General Court in Aprill Last voted 6-0-0

We the subscribers being Appointed to perambulate and renew the Bounds between Salem and Topsfield accordingly mett on the 30th of April 1733 and renewed the bounds Beginning at a white oak tree marked S. W. T. with a heap of stones round it near Wenham Caseway, and from thence to a black or red oak tree & stump with stones between y^e said tree is standing in Bixby's orchard and marked S. T. & from thence to a heap of stones near the Corner of Thomas Dwinells pasture, and from thence to a heap of stones near Nickols's Brook a little above the saw mill and so on the same course to Nickols's Brook.

Nathaniel Porter	}	for	John Higginson	}	for
Joseph Town		Topsfield	John Cabot Jun ^r		Salem
John Wilds			John Ward		

This is a True Copy of the Return of Perambulation with Salem attest. Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

We the Subscribers being appointed to perambulate and renew the Bounds between Topsfield and Boxford accordingly mett on the 4th of May 1733 and renewed the bounds. Begining at the Apple tree in Cap^t Perleys field to a stake and heap of stones at the southeasterly corner of m^r Bakers farm now in Boxford and from thence to a damm called Andrews damm near to m^r Thomas Goulds Hous and from thence (being the place where the water now runs under said damm) southerly to a stake and heap of stones by the fishing Brook on the easterly side of the Revolet running into said Brook and thence as s^d Brook runs into the River called Ipswich River and thence up said River to Middleton line

Thomas Perley	} for	Joseph Andrew	} for
Jeremiah Perley		Tobijah Perkins	
Nath ^l Symonds		John Wilds	
	} Boxford		} Topsfield

A True Copy of the Return of Perambulation with Boxford
Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Boston May 31: 1733

Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield Ten pound Eleven shillings & three pence Intrest to y^e 1st June 1733 for Mr Treasurer Allen. P^r Eben^r Swan

This is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield July y^e 4th 1732

Received of Mr Eliezer Lake & mr George Bixby two of the School Committe for the Town of Topsfield the sum of Nine pounds being in full as p agreement for three Months teaching School in said Town I say Rec^d

P me Thomas Hicks

Topsfield October 19th 1732. Rec^d of Mr George Bixby one of the School Committe for the Town of Topsfield, the sum of Nine pounds it being in full for a Quarters teaching School in said Town I say Rec^d

P^r me Tho^s Hicks.

Topsfield March y^e 10th 1732-3. Rec^d of Mr George Bixby and Mr Eliezer Lake School Committe for the Town of Topsfield: the sum of Twelve pounds for four months

teaching School in said Town I say Rec^d

P me Tho^s Hicks

The three Receipts Last Entred are True Copies Attest
Jacob Peabody T: Cler.

Topsfield October 30: 1732.

Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of
Six pounds in full for my Last years salary from March 2nd
1732 to September 2: 1732

pr me John Emerson

Topsfield Aprill 4th 1733. Received of m^r Ivory Hovey
Town Treasurer the Sum of Twenty five pounds which is y^e
full of this within written order; and which is in full of my
Last years salary from September 2: 1732 to March 2:
1733.

As witness my hand

John Emerson.

The two Receipts Last Entred are True Copies attest
Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield January 19th 1732-33 Then Received of Mr
Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of one pound twelve
shillings in full for my keeping the Schoolmaster the space
of one month I say received by me her

Dorothy X Robinson
mark

This is A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler.

The freeholders, and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of
Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as y^e Law Directs
are hereby Notified and Warned to Convene together at y^e
Meeting house in Topsfield, on Tuseday y^e 18th Day of Sep-
tember Currant at one of the Clock after noon: then and
there to Choose two men according to Warrant: to serve on
y^e Jury of Tryalls to be holden at Newbery on y^e Last
Tuseday of this instant September: and to see how Much
Money the Town will agree to raise to Defray Town Charges;
and to see what y^e Town will Do Concerning hanging and
Maintaining a gate on y^e way y^t goeth through Mr John
Andrew's Land to Boxford: And to see how the Town will
agree to Dispose of y^e intrest of y^e Towns Loan Money for
y^e Last year. and to see if ye Town will abate Lieu^t Goulds
Rate Layd to him y^e Last year for Andrew Mecanes head:
and to allow bills Charg

Dat^d September y^e 14th 1733.

John Howlet Tobijah Perkins
David Balch John Wildes
[Torn] Town of Topsfield William Redington Selectmen
of Topsfi^d

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 18th 1733

1 Cap^t John Howlet is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Jacob Perkins Jun^r & John Perkins Jun^r are Chosen to
serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at y^e Next Inferiour Court to be
holden at Newbery voted

3 Voted that the selectmen shall Raise a Tax of one hun-
dred and sixty five pounds for y^e Ministry, and to defray the
other Town Charges this year voted

4 Voted that the Trustees of y^e Towns Loan shall have
Eighteen shillings of y^e intrest of said Loan for their trouble
in said Trust in y^e Last year it being allowed to them on y^e
fifteenth of May Last o^l 18^s 0^d

And the Remaining part of s^d intrest which is four pound
seven shillings and seven pence shall go to pay Jacob Pea-
body part of y^e six pound y^t was allowed to him by y^e Town
on y^e 15th Day of May Last

5 The Town allowed Two shillings to Mr Daniel Clark for
perambulating with Wenham men in y^e year 1727

voted 0 2 0

6 The Town allowed four shillings to William Redding-
ton & John Perkins for Perambulating on y^e Line with Wen-
ham men in 1733 voted 0 4 0

7 The Town allowed Eight shillings to Matthew Peabody
for Timber for bridges 1733 0 8 0

8 The Town Allowed six shillings to David Commings for
Timber for highways 1733 0 6 0

9 The Town Allowed one shilling & six pence to Benj^a
Towne for Timber for hiways 0 1 0

Boston October 4th 1733. Rec^d of Mr Thomas Dwinel
Constable of Topsfield by mr Jacob Peabody Twenty pounds
six shillings & Ten pence in full

P Jer. Allen Treasurer

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Boston June 20th 1732

Rec^d of Mr Matthew Peabody Constable of Topsfield
Twenty one pound six shillings in full for Mr Treasurer
Allen: by mr Jacob Peabody

P Eben^r Swan

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Directs: are hereby notified and warned to Convene together at the meeting house in Topsfield: on fryday the fourteenth Day of December Currant at one A Clock afternoon then and there to see what they will Do (or order to be done) with y^e watch house: And to see what the Town will do Concerning a school house, Whither to Erect one or not: And to make up accompts with y^e Town Treasurer: And to make up accompts with Mr Luke Averill Concerning some money that he Received of Out Towns men towards our Ministers or Town Rate when he was Constable; which he has not given an account of: And to allow bills of Charge

John Howlett

Tobijah Perkins

Dat^d Topsfield Decembr^r 7th 1733

David Balch

William Reddington

Samuel Smith Constable of Topsfield Selectmen of Tops

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield December 14th
1733

1 Cap^t John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Mr Daniel Clark, & m^r Joseph Herrick are Chosen a Committe; to Reckon with the Town Treasurer; and mr William Reddington y^e Clark of the present selectmen is to Assist them in the said service
voted

3 And said Committe are to make Report of their doings in that affair: at the annual Town Meeting in March Next
voted

4 The Town Allowed Twenty three pounds to the School Committee; to pay the Schoolmaster for his service in keeping School; and for his board five months past
voted

5 The Town Allowed thirteen shillings to Joseph Andrew for Isaac Peabody for Timber to mend the Bridge by Jesse Dormans & that near Jacob Peabodys: voted

6 The Town Allowed to Joseph Andrew surveyer Two shillings & six pence for Jacob Averill for six slabs to mend Mile brook Bridge this year voted

7 The Town allowed to Joseph Andrew for John Perkins five shillings for Timber to mend the bridge between s^d Perkinses and Joshua Towns house this year voted

Topsfield December y^e 14: 1733

Rec^d of Mr Thomas Dwinel Constable y^e sum sixteen shillings and four pence in full: for all y^e Rates Committed to him to gather and pay to Me P^r me Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer

This is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

December 19th 1733

There is taken up by William Rogers of Topsfield, A stray stear Come in two years old: a Dark Collour, with a star in his forehead, and some white on his hind feet: his Artificial marks are a slit in y^e End of Each Ear, and a hole in y^e uper side of his right Ear, and a small Crop off the End thereof and a halfpeney on y^e uper side of the Left Ear

Essex ss

Dec^r 17th 1733

We the Subscribers being appointed to Perambulate the Line between the Towns of Ipswich and Topsfield, Met on y^e day above said; and Perambulated said Line and Renewed the bounds in said Line by marking Trees and Laying Rocks. In witness whereof we have set our Hands the year and Day above s^d

John Howlett	} Committe of Topsfield	Thomas Berry	} Committe of Ipswich
Tobjiah Perkins		Benj ^a Crocker	
		Nathaniel Hart	
	1733	Aaron Potter	1733

A True Copy from the original Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk.

Topsfield December 11th 1733 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer the sum of fourteen pounds in full of my Last years sallary from March 2^d 1733 to September 2nd 1733 as witness my hand John Emerson

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk
 Topsfield March y^e 1733-4 Received of m^r Ivory Hovey
 Town Treasurer the sum of Ten pounds in full for my half
 years sallary from September 2nd 1733 to March 2: 1733-4
 by me John Emerson

This is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk
 Topsfield ffebruary y^e 28th 1734-5 then Rec^d of Jacob
 Peabody one of the Trustees for the Towns Loan: the sum
 of five pounds five shillings and seven pence it being the
 Towns part of the intrest of the Loan Money which the
 Town at a Town Meeting May 14th 1734 ordered the Trus-
 tee to pay in to the Treasurer. I say Rec^d by me

Ivory Hovey

Treasurer for s^d Town

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
 Topsfield such as are Quallified for Voting as the Law Di-
 rects are hereby Notified, and warned to Assemble and meet
 together at the Meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the
 fift Day of March next Ensuing the Date hereof at Eight of
 the Clock before noon: then and there to Choose a Town
 Clerk, and other Town officers as the Law directs; and to
 put in their votes for a County Treasurer: and to see if the
 Town will agree and give order for the buying of a Town
 Book and to see what the Town will Do Concerning School
 Cost, Referring to a Petition to us from mr Joseph Herrick
 and others, concerning y^t Affair: which will appear at the
 aforesd meeting and to Chuse a Committee to see that the
 Proportionable part of the fence be Done on both parties
 between our Parsonage and mr Daniel Clarks and Dan Clarks
 Land: and to Allow bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield ffebruary y^e 19th 1733-4

Samuel Smith	John Howlett	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Constable of Topsfield	John Wildes	
	David Balch	
	Tobijah Perkins	

A True Copy of the Notification for y^e Annual Town meet-
 ing on y^e fift of March 1733-4 Attest Jacob Peabody
 Town Cler

These are to Certify those whom it may concern that the

several votes y^t passed at the two Town meetings in Topsfield in March 1733-4 were kept on y^o files and not Recorded till after this Book was bought

Jacob Peabody T Cle:

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March 5th 1733-4

- 1 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted
- 2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year Ensuing
voted
- 3 Mr Jonathan Perkins & mr Joseph Perkins are Chosen Constables for y^o year Ensuing
voted
- 4 Mr Ivory Hovey is Chosen Treasurer for y^o Town for y^o year Ensuing
voted
- 5 Mr Nath^l Porter Cap^t Joseph Gould Mr Eliezer Lake Mr Joseph Robinson and Mr Benjamin Towne are Chosen Selectmen for the year Ensuing
voted
- 6 Mr John Hovey is Chosen sealler of Leather for y^o year Ensuing
votep
- 7 Mr George Bixby, Mr David Balch & Mr William Reddington are Chosen Tythingmen for y^o year Ensuing
voted
- 8 Mr Joseph Herrick Mr Nath^{el} Capen & Mr Joseph Peabody are Chosen Surveyers of Highwa[y]s for y^o year Ensuing
voted
- 9 Mr Luke Averill and m^r Jacob Perkins Jun^r are Chosen fenceviewers for the year Ensuing
voted
- 10 Mr Dan Clark: Mr Thomas Perkins & Amos Dorman are Chosen Hogreeves for y^o year Ensuing
voted
- 11 Then the Town Proceeded to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer
- 12 The Town agreed to have a Town Book Bought, and ordred Jacob Peabody to buy one & to Draw money out of y^o Town Treasury to Pay for it
voted
- 13 Voted that the Town Treasurer shall Receive the sum of Eleven shillings which Mr Luke Averill had in his hands of the Towns Money & hath now Laid on y^e Table
- 16 Voted that Mr Eliezer Lake & Cap^t John Howlett be a Committee to Divide fence with Mr Daniel Clark viz. between sd Clarks first Division of Common Land and the Parsonage; and s^d Committee to make up the Towns part of s^d fence

17 The Town agreed that all Such Parents or Masters that Shall Send their Children or Servants to y^e Towns Schools shall pay four pence per week for each Childe or Servant for their Schooling: and the Town to Make up what is wanting to pay the Schoolmaster voted

18 Mr Jacob Dorman is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand jury for y^e year Ensuing voted

19 Mr John Prichitt & Mr John Wildes are Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

20 The Town allowed to the Committe for y^e School Eleven pound one shilling and four pence to pay the Schoolmaster for his Service and board two Months & Twelve Days voted 11-1-4

21 The Town allowed to Benjamin How one pound Eight shillings for Sweeping the meeting house one year past voted 1 8 0

22 The Town allowed to Cap^t John Howlett three shillings 0-3-0 for Perambulating with Ipswich men on y^e Line between y^e Towns in 1733 and three shillings to Mr Tobijah Perkins for y^e Same Service voted 0-3-0

23 The Town allowed to mr John Wildes six shillings for Gitting Some Warrants Entred in the Courts Records of persons being warned out of Town voted

24 The Town allowed to Mr Tobijah Perkins and Mr John Wildes four Shillings for Perambulating on y^e Line with Boxford men voted 0-4-0

The Several Persons Chosen to office at the afore Said Town meeting of whom an oath is Law Required: were all Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices immediately after the said meeting was over, before the Selectmen: Excepting Nath^{el} Capen Jacob Perkins Jun^r and Joseph Peabody

Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are Notified and Warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on fryday the Twenty Second Day of March Currant at three of Clock after noon on Said Day first to Choose a Committee to Supply the Town with a School master for y^e year Ensuing.

2 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for Swine to go at Large

Dat^d Topsfield March the 14: 1733-4

Jonathan Perkins Constable of Topsfield
Nath^{el} Porter
Joseph Gould
Joseph Robinson
Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification attest Jacob Peabody
Town Cler

At A Legal Towne Meeting in Topsfield March 22nd 1733-4

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 Voted that Swine Shall or may go at Large this year
according as the Law gives Liberty.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield, Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting
are hereby Warned, & Notified, to Assemble, and Meet
together, at the Meeting house in Topsfield; on Tuseday the
fourteenth of May Currant at one of the Clock afternoon

1 To Chuse a Representative to Serve at the Great and
General Court to be hild at Boston.

2 To See if the Town will Make an addition to the Rever-
end Mr John Emersons Salary.

3 To See what y^o Town will do Concerning a School mas-
ter this year.

4 To See what y^o Town will do Concerning the Carrying
in the fifth part of the Loan Money, and the intrest of the
whole Loan belonging to said Town.

5 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield May the Tenth 1734. Nath^{el} Porter
Joseph Robinson
Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Cler.

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^o 14th 1734

1 Mr Nath^l Porter is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative to Serve at y^e General Court

3 The Town agreed that the Trustees Shall Carry in the first flit part of the Towns Loan to y^e Province Treasurer with two thirds of y^e intrest voted

4 Voted that the Trustees for sd Loan shall pay in y^e intrest of sd Loan which belongs to y^e Town to the Town Treasurer voted

5 The Town Allowed to John Perkins so Much Money viz our paper Currancy as Amos Robinson was Rated for his head in Said Perkins Lists when he was Constable sd Robinson having paid for his head at Lunenburg y^e same year

voted

6 The Town Allowed to Ebenezer Nickols a former Constable Eight Shillings & four pence it being an abatement for Archelus Townes head voted

7 The Town Allowed to the Trustees viz Eliezer Lake Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody Eighteen Shillings for their trouble about the Loan Money this year voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of The Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting, are hereby Notified & warned to assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Tuseday the Twenty Eighth Day of May Currant at three of the Clock in the after noon

1 To See if the Town will agree to Make any More Seats in the Meeting house and to Do any other thing or things about Said Meeting house that the Town shall think best

2 To See What the Town will Do Concerning a School Master

3 To See if the Town will Reckon with the Town Treasurer

Dated Topsfield May the 21 st 1734	Nath ^l Porter
Jonathan Perkins Constable of Topsfield	Joseph Gould
	Joseph Robinson
	Benj ^a Towne

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 28th 1734

1 John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 The Town agreed that there Should be a Seat Erected, before the womens Seats in y^e Gallary and also that there be Seats built on y^e East and South of the womens Seats below where there is Convenient Room in the meeting house in order to make more room for the women voted

3 Voted that the Selectmen Shall Reckon with the Town Treasurer

4 Voted that Mr Eliezer Lake Mr George Bixby & Mr John Wildes be a Committee to provide a School master for the Town for this year

The free holders and Other Inhabitation of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voteing: are hereby Notified and Warned to Convene together att the Meeting house in Topsfield on Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of this instant September at two of the Clock after noon—To Choose two good & Lawfull Men to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Newbery within and for the County of Essex on the Last Tuseday of this Present September

Dated at Topsfield Sep^r the fourteenth 1734

Joseph Perkins Constable of Topsfield

A True Copy Examined P Joseph Peabody Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield September the 18: 1734.

1 En^s Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this: Meeting voted

2 Mr Dan Clark & Mr Isaac Peabody are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting, are hereby Warned and Notified; to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting House in Said Town on Tuseday the Twelfth Day of November Currant At one of the Clock After noon

1 To See if the Town will Make an addition to the Reverend Mr Emersons Salary or Come to a New Agreement with him About his Salary, or Do any other thing or things about Said Salary that the Town Shall think best

2 To See how Much Money they will Raise to Defray Town Charges this year

3 To Impower the Trustees to Sue for the Loan Money

4 To accept of the Return of the Selectmens Reckoning with Said Town Treasurer

5 To Allow bills of Charge.

Nath^l Porter

Dat^d Topsfield November y^e 6: 1734

Eliezer Lake

Jonathan Perkins Constable of Topsfield

Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield November y^e 12 :
1734

1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 The Town Agreed to give to the Reverend Mr John Emerson the Sum of Twenty pounds; one half thereof to be paid in September following.
voted

3 The Town Impowered the Trustees of the Towns Loan money viz Mr Eliezer Lake, Mr Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody to Sue any person or persons that have hired any of the Said Loan who are Defective in paying in the Same: and the Town will bear out the Said Trustees in all their Lawfull proceedings in that Affair
voted

4 The Town Accepted of the Selectmens Return of their Reckoning with the Town Treasurer.
voted

5 The Town Allowed thirteen pounds & Sixteen Shillings to the School Committee to pay the School Master for keeping School three Months And for his boarding that time
voted 13:16:0

6 The Town Allowed one pound to Mr Joseph Herrick for two Tun of Timber to mend y^e high ways this year
voted 1-0-0

7 The Town Allowed to Matthew Peabody Six Shillings & Six pence for timber to mend the high ways this year
voted 0-6-6

The free holders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as the Law directs for Voting are hereby Notified and warned to assemble & meet together

at the meeting house in s^d Topsfield on Tuesday y^e fourth day of March next Ensuing the date hereof at Eight of the Clock in y^e morning

1ly To Chuse A Town Clark Constables Select men & Other Town Officers as the Law directs to be chosen Annually

2ly To Chuse a commite to supply the Town with a School Master for y^e year Ensuing

3ly To see if y^e Town will Reacon with the Town Treasurer

4ly To see what the Town will do with y^e money in deacon Jacob Peabodys hands & to Allow Bills of Charge Dated Topsfield ffebruary y^e 21 1734-5

Jonathan Perkins Constable

Nathaniel porter

of Topsfield

Joseph Gould

A True Coppie as atest John Hovey

Eliazer Lake

Town Clark

Benjamin Towne

At a Legal Town meeting in Topsfield March 4th 1734-5

1 M^r Nathaniel porter is Chosen moderater for this meeting

2 John Hovey chosen Town Clark for y^e year Ensuing voted & was immedatly sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of s^d office

3 M^r Ephraim Wilds & Jacob Redington were chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing Ephrum wilds sworn Jacob redington sworn

4 Ivory Hovey was chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing Sworn

5 deacon John Howlett deacon Jacob Peabody Richard Towne Benjamin Towne & Matthew Peabody are chosen select men for y^e year Ensuing sworn asseors

6 Leiut Tobijah Pirkins m^r Eliazer Lake & Luke Averill are Chosen Tithing men for y^e year Ensuing sworn

7 John Hovey was Chosen sealer of Leather for y^e year Ensuing

8 Ens Joseph Dorman philip Town & m^r Joseph Herrick were chosen surveyers of highways sworn Daniel Redington Robert Perkins & George Bixby were chosen ffence viewers for y^e year ensuing

10 Aaron Esty & William perkins Junior are chosen Hogg Reives for y^e yer Ensuing

11 David Baltch was chosen surveyor of hemp & flax for y^e year Ensuing

12 Cap^t Joseph Gould m^r Nathaniel borman & m^r Joseph Herrick was chosen a committe to supply the Town with a school master for y^e year Ensuing voted

13 The Town agreed that the money in deacon Peabodys hand w^{ch} is forty pound ten shillings should be paid into the Town Treasurers hand for the Towns use by s^d peabody voted

14 it was voated y^t y^e select men should Reacon with the Tow[n] Treasurer

15 m^r Zacheus Gould was chosen to serve upon the gran journey

16 Ivory Hovey & Luke Averill to serve on the Jury of Trials at next Ipswich Court

17 The Town alowed to m^r Joseph Peabody fifteen shillings & six pence for timber to mend the highwayes in y^e year 1734 voted

18 The Town alowed y^e school Committe thirteen pound sixteen shillings for providing the Town with a school for the three months last past voted

19 the Town alowed to m^r Benjamin How one pound Eight shillings for sweeping the meeting house voted

20 the Town alowed to m^r Nathaniel Porter three shillings for warning parsons out of Town voted

21 The Town alowed to Ens Ivory Hovey Twenty shillings for his services as Town Treasurer for two years last past voted

The freeholders & Other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified as the Law directs for voting are hereby Notified & warned to assemble and meet together at the Meeting house in said Town on Wedensday the nineteenth Currant at three of the Clock in the after noon

1ly To see if the town will give Liberty for swine to go at Large as y^e Law directs

2ly To Chuse a Commite to make up the Towns part of ffence between mr Clarks land & y^e Parsonge

Dated Topsfield March ye 11th 1734 or 5 Matthew Peabody
True Copy as atest John Hovey Town Cler Richard Towne
Ephraim Wilds Constable of Topsfield Benjamin Towne
Selectmen of Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting Topsfield March 19 1734 or 5
 1ly Capt John Howlett is chosen Moderator for this meet-
 ing voted

2ly the Town agreed y^t y^e swine should go at Larg as the
 Law directs for y^e yeare Ensuing voted

3ly Mr Matthew Peabody & M^r Ephraim Wilds were
 Chosen to make up the Towns part of ffence between M^r
 Daniel Clarks land & y^e parsonage voted

March 19 1735 Then Received of Deacon Jacob Peabody
 the sum of fforty Pounds Ten shillings which sum s^d Peabody
 was Ordered to pay in rent unto me at our last Annual Town
 meeting

I say recived by me Ivory Hovey

Treasurer for s^d Town

True Coppy as Attest John Hovey Town Clar.

The ffree holders and other inhabitants of the Town of
 Topsfield such as are Qualified for voting as y^e Law Directs
 are hereby notified & warned to Conven together att the
 meeting hous in topsfield on wednsday the 14th day of this
 month Currant att Two of y^e clo in y^e after noon

1ly To Choose a man to serve as A Representitive at the
 Great and General Court

2ly To see what the Town will do Concerning Gitting A
 Bell for the meeting house

3ly to see what the Town will do about Repairing the ston
 wall between m^r Daniel Clarks land & y^e Parsonage

4ly To see what y^e Town will do with y^e intrest of the
 Lone money

5ly To alow bills of charge

Dated Topsfield May y^e 10th

1735

Benjamin Towne

Matthew Peabody

Richar^d Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

Jacob Reddington Constable

Att A Legal Town meeting Topsfield May 14th 1735

1ly Deacon Jacob Peabody is chosen moderator for this
 meeting

2ly Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen Representitive for y^e
 year Ensuing

3ly Israel Clark & Dan Clark are chosen a commitie to

repair the parsonag part of fence between m^r Daniel Clarks land & it

4ly The Town agrees y^t y^e Trustees of the lone money shall have Eighteen shillings for their service y^e yare past
voted

5ly The Town agrees that Trustees shall pay in the second fifth part of the Lone money with the intrest belonging to it to the province treasurer
voted

6ly The [Town] agreed that the Towns part of y^e intrest of y^e lone money shall be paid to the Town Treasurer for y^e Towns use
voted

The pertickeler Concerning y^e Bell passed in y^e Negative Topsfield may 14 1735 Cap^t John Howlett deacon Jacob Pebody Richard Town Benja Town & Matthew Peabody took the oath of assessors for y^e Town of Topsfield

May 14 1735 the select men approbated m^r William howlett Schoolmaster for the year Ensuing according as he hath agreed with Capt Joseph Gould m^r Joseph Herrick & Quar Borman a Committie chosen for y^t End

Topsfield November 18 1731 Received of m^r Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Two pounds Ten shillings in full for my half years salary from march 2 1731 to septembar 2 1731
by me John Emerson

Topsfield Septembar y^e 13th 1734 M^r Ivory Hovey Treasurer of s^d Town Sir you are hereby ordered to pay forthwith to y^e Reverend m^r John Emerson fifty pounds

Nathaniel porter
Joseph Robinson
Benj^a Towne

select men of Topsfield

Topsfield Novembar 19 1734 Recived of mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of four pounds the full of this order & in full for my half years Salary from march 2 1734 to September 2 1734

by me John Emarson

Topsfield March 20 1734-5 Recived of mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of forty seven pounds in part of my half years Salary from Sept 2 to march 2 1734-5

By me John Emarson

The freeholders & Other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as y^e Law directs for voting are hereby warned and notified to Assemble and meet together at the meeting house in s^d Town on Wedensday y^e Second day of July next Ensuing the Date hereof at four of the Clock after noon

1ly to see whether the Tow[n] will alter or discontinue y^e way y^t is laid out from the Southerly End of Jacob Redingtons Land to nathaniel Porters land

2ly To allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield Jun y^e 25th 1735 John Howlett Mathew
peabody Benjam Towne
Ephraim Wilds Constable Select men of Topsfield

Att a Legal Town meeting July y^e 2^d 1735

1ly deacon John Howlett is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2dly That pertickler to see whether the town would alter the highway as aboues^d passed in the negative y^e 3^{dly} y^e Town Allowed Ephraim Wilds Two pounds Eleven shillings & six pence for making a ston wall between m^r Daniel Clarks Land and the Parsonage Land voted

Topsfield April 2 1735 Received of m^r Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Thirteen pounds in full for my half year Salary from September 2^d 1734-5 by me John Emerson

The ffree holders and Other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified as y^e Law directs for voting are hereby warned & notified to assemble and meet together at y^e meeting house in s^d Town on Tusday the Twenty third daye of Septembar Currant at Two of y^e Clock after noon

1ly To Chuse Jury men for Newbury Court

2ly To see if y^e Town will give or allow anything to y^e Reverand Mr John Emerson for y^e year Insuing more yⁿ his Sallery

3ly To see how much money the Town will Raise to defray Town Charges

4ly to see if y^e Town will sell y^e Watch House

5ly To see if y^e Town will accept of the select mens Return of y^{or} Reaconing with the Town Treasurer

6ly to see if the Town will Order any other way of warn-
ing Town meetings

7ly To allow Bills of Charges

Dated Topsfield Sept 17th 1735

Jacob Redington	Matthew Peabody	} Select men of Topsfield
Constable of Topsfield	Richard Towne	
	Benj ^a Towne	

At A Legal Town meeting Septembar 23 1735

ffirstly deacon Jacob Peabody is Chosen moderator for this
meeting

2ly David Baultch & Zacheus Perkins are chosen to serve
on the Jury of Trials at the next inferior Court at newbury

3dly ye Town agreed to giue to the Reverend m^r John
Emarson as a gift 20 pound 10 pound to be paid the second
day of March next & Ten pound upon the second day of
septembar next following

& upon y^e ffifth pertickeler the Town Accepted of y^e select
mens return of there Reaconing with y^e Town Treasurer

lastly The Town allowed five shillings to mr Joseph Her-
rick for timber to mend y^e highways

also y^e Town allowed to m^r Israel & Dan Clark three pound
for repairing y^e ston wall between y^e Parsonage & m^r Daniel
Clarks land

& The town allowed the select men for their valuation of
the Towns Estate in Order to assesment 3^l 10^s 00^d and to Dan
Clark for Timber to mend y^e highway 00 01 06

Decembar 23 1735: recived of mr Ivory Hovey Town
Treasurer the sum of seven pounds ten shillings in full for
my half years sallary from march second 1734-5 To Septem-
bar 2^d 1735 By me John Emarson

To m^r John Hovey Town Clark these are to inform you
That m^r David Balch has taken the Oath of surveior of hemp
& flax before us y^e subscribers & we desire you to make a
Record Thereof

Dated Topsfield Novem- ber y ^e 6 th 1735	Benj ^a Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Richard Towne	
	Matthew Peabody	
	Jacob Peabody	

The ffree holders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of
Topsfield Qualified as the Law directs for voting in Town

affairs are hereby notified to meet at the meeting house in Topsfield on Tuseday the second of March next at Eight of y^e clock in y^e morning

first To chuse a Town Clark Constables Select men & other Town officers as y^e Law directs

2ly To see if the town will join with Beverly to Petition the General Court for a Township

3ly to see if the Town will hear & Consider y^e Petition of m^r Joseph Herrick & Others

4ly To see if the town will agree with W^m Redington about the price of y^e Bricks which he took from y^e Watch house

5ly To see what advise the Town will give to the Town Treasurer refering to m^r Samuel Smiths Rates

6ly To Reckon with the Town Treasurer

7ly To choose a Committie to supply y^e Town with a school master

8ly To alow Bills of Charge: 9ly to see if the Town will make and maintain A Cart Gate on y^e Road y^t Leads Through John Andrews Lands

Dated Topsfield ffeb y^e 17th 1735

	Benj ^a Towne	{	Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Redington Constable	Matthew Peabody		
of Topsfield	Richard Towne		
	Jacob Peabody		

Att a Legal Town meeting in Topsfield March 2^d 1735 or 6

1ly Deacon Jacob Peabody is Chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly John Hovey is chosen Town Clark for y^e year Ensuing

3ly Daniel Gould & phineas redington are chosen Constables for y^e year Ensuing daniel gould sworn

4ly Deacon Ivory Hovey David Baultch Jacob Redington George Bixby & Luke Averel are chosen Select men for the year Ensuing

5ly John Hovey is chosen Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing sworn

6ly Deacon Ivory Hovey is chosen Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing sworn

7ly Daniel Redington Jacob Averell Joseph Dorman are chosen Tithing men for year Ensuing Daniel redington & Jacob averell sworn

8ly William Rogers Eliazer Lake Israel Clark are chosen
fence viewers for y^e year Ensuing sworn

[No 9ly.]

10ly Daniel Clark & David Commins are chosen survey-
ors of high wayes for y^e year Ensuing sworn

11ly Samuel Curtice and John Town Junior are Chosen
hogg Reives for the year Ensuing sworn

12ly L^t Zacheus Gould is chosen surveyor of hemp & flax
for the year Ensuing sworn

13ly The Town agrees y^t The Town Treasurer shall make
dist[r]ess upon Samuel Smith a former Constable for the
money which is behind of y^e Town Rate Committed to him
to Colect & gather in voted

14ly The Town Agrees y^t William Redington shall give
Twenty shillings for y^e bricks he had from the watch house
voted

15ly The Town agrees y^t y^e present Select men Reacon
with the Town Treasurer

16ly The Town agrees y^t Nathaniel Capen shall have the
watch house for forty shillings voted

17ly John Wilds Joshua Town y^e Richard Town are chosen
a committee to provide the Town with a school master for
y^e year Ensuing

18ly The Town alows Nathaniel Capen ten shillings for
Timbar to mend y^e Bridg by the metting house

19ly The Town alows 23^l 00^s 00^d to be paid for the last
year schooling

20ly the Town alows Jacob Redington five shillings for
Timbar to a small bridg

21ly y^e Town alows Benjamin How Twenty Eight shillings
for sweeping y^e meeting house

22ly y^e Town alows Luke Averell one shilling for timber
to mend mile brook bridg

23ly The Town alows Isaac Peabody Eight Shillings for
Timbar to mend y^e ffals Bridg

24ly The Town alowed m^r Nathaniel Capen Three shill-
ings for putting up a board to the window over the pulpit

also The Town accepts of John Wilds in y^e room of Phin-
eas Redington to be Constable for y^e year Ensuing Wilds
sworn

To m^r John Wilds one of y^e Constables of Topsfield in his majesties name you are Required forthwith to warn all the inhabitants of s^d Town in your Ward Lawfully Qualified for voting viz all on the Estarly side of y^e Contry Road from the Town bridg to the meeting house in Topsfield & all on the northerly side of y^e Road y^t Leads from s^d meeting house to m^r Emarsons To Convene together at the meeting house in Topsfield on Wedensday next it being the Twenty fourth of march instant at two of the clock in y^e afternoon

1ly To Choos a Select man in y^e room of deacon Ivory Hovey

2ly To chose Three good and Lawfull Jury men one to Serve on gran jury and two on y^e Jury of trials at y^e next inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich

3ly To see if y^e Town will choose a tything man in y^e room of Ens Joseph Dorman

4ly To see if y^e Town will agree y^t y^e swine shall go at Large this yeare

Hereof fail not & make return of this your warrant and your doings there in befor s^d meeting to one or more of y^e Select-men

David Baultch

Jacob redington

Dated Topsfield march 17 1735 or 6 Luke Averill

George Bixby

Select men of Topsfield

Essex ss Topsfield march y^e 24 day 1736 By virtue of this warrant I have warned y^e inhabitants within mentioned to appear att Time & place within mentioned

John Wilds Constable for Topsfield

There was another warrant to m^r Daniel Gould one of y^e Constables of Topsfield to warn the inhabitants in his ward at the same time as afor^d yⁿ Returned accordingly

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield March 24 1735 or 6

1ly M^r John Wilds is chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly Matthew Peabody is chosen Select man for y^e year Ensuing

3ly Michael Dwinel is chosen to serve upon y^e Grand Jury

4ly Joseph Herrick & W^m Rogers are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials

5ly the Town agrees y^t y^e swine shall go at Large the year Ensuing as y^e Law directs

We y^e subscribers being appointed to Perambulate & renew the bounds Between Salem & Topsfield accordingly met on the 20th of April 1736 and Renewed the bounds begining att a whit Oak Tree marked S W T w^t a heap of stones round it near Wenham Causey ffrom thenc to a black or red oak tree and stump with stones between s^d tree y^e stump standing in Bixbys orchard marked S T & from thence to a heap of stones near y^e Corner of Thomas Dunels pasture & from thence to a heap of stones near nichols brook a little aboue the saw mill and so on y^e same course to nichols Brook

Joseph Towne
Matthew Peabody

Samuel Porter
Nathaniel Putnam
Israel Andrews

We y^e Subscribers Being appointed by the select men of our severall Town as Topsfield & Wenham to renew and perambulate the bounds between our Respective Towns as the Law directs have accordingly attended said service and have renewed y^e Bounds according to the settlement of y^e Bounds between our Towns which bounds we doe agree unto as witness our hands this 26 day of aprill 1736

Thos Tarbox Benj ffairfield
Micheall Dwinell John Towne

The ffreholders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield that have an Estate of free hold in Land within this province or territory of forty shillings Per annum at y^e least or other Estate to the value of fifty pounds starling are hereby warned to assemble at the meeting house in s^d Town on Wednesday the Twelveth day of May next at two a clock in the after noon

1ly To choose a Representative to serve at a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept for his majesties service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday y^e Twenty six day of may next

2ly To see if y^e Town will sett off a part of y^e ffrunt galery for y^e Women to sit in & 3^{dly} to alow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield April 27 1736 David Balch Jacob redington
 Luke Averill Matthew
 John Wildes Constable peabody George Bixby
 Selectmen of Topsfield

Topsfield May 12 1736 at a Lawfull Town meeting
 1ly mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Moderator for this meeting

2ly Capt Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative for y^e
 year Ensuing y^e 3^d Pertickler Concerning a part of frunt
 Galery passed in y^e negative

4ly The Town alowed four pound 12 shillings for y^e school
 master

To m^r Ivory Hovey Treasurer for y^e Town of Topsfield
 sir you are hereby ordered to pay to the Reverend m^r John
 Emarson y^e sum of sixty pound by y^e second day of March
 next Ensuing y^e Date hereof

Dated Topsfield ffebruary 17 Jacob Peabody Matthew
 1735-6 Peabody Richard Towne
 Benj^a Towe Select men
 of Topsfield

Topsfield April 17 1736 Recived of m^r Ivory Hovey Town
 Treasurer Eight pounds y^e full of this within written order
 and in full for my Salery to march 2 1735-6

By me John Emarson

Topsfield April 17th 1736 This day recived of Mr Joseph
 Herrick y^e full and just sum of Twenty three pounds in Cash
 and receipts to me paid and delivered it being the full Com-
 plesion of my Salary for y^e year past

P me William Howlett

Boston Jun 10th 1735 Rec^d of y^e Trustees of Topsfield by
 Cap^t Joseph Gould sixty one pounds five shillings fifty two
 pounds sixteen shillings of which is y^e second fifth of the
 £60000 and Eight pounds nine shillings thereof is y^e Inter
 for the year 1735

P Jer Allen Trea^s

Boston Janer^y 2^d 1735 Rec^d of mr Joseph Perkins Consta-
 ble of Topsfield by Cap^t Gould fifteen pound six shillings &
 Eight pence in full

P Jer Allen Treas^r £ 15 6 8

Topsfield March 3 1735-6 Received of m^r Constable Joseph Perkins y^e sum of six pounds five shillings in full by me Ivory Hovey Town Treas^r

May y^e 31 1736 we The subscribers being appointed a Committie to Perambulate the line between the Towns of Ipswich & Topsfield met on the day aboves^d & Perambulated s^d Line and in witness whereof we have set our hands and seals the year & daye above written John Choat Philemon Dane Daniel Heard Phillip fowler Committee for Ipswich. John Wilds Tobijah Perkins Luke Averill, Committee ffor Topsfield 1736

The ffreeholders and other inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield such as are Qualified for Voting as y^e Law directs are hereby notified & warned to Convene and Assemble together at the meeting house in Topsfield on Tuesday y^e 14th of September Currant att one of the Clock on s^d day

ffirstly To make Choice of two good and Lawfull men to serve on y^e Jury of Trials att the next inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Newbery

3ly To see what money the Town will raise to defray Town Charges for y^e year Ensewing

3ly To see if y^e Town will accept of the select mens return of y^e Reaconing with the The Town Treasurer

4ly to see what the Town will doe Relating to the settling the line between us and Middleton and ffifthly to alow bills of charg

Jacob Redington David Balch Luke Averill Matthew Peabody George Bixby Select men of Topsfield John Wilds Constable for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September y^e 14th 1736 ffirstly m^r Thomas Gould is chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly This meeting is adjourned from this 14th of September to Tuesday the 21 of september Currant at place & clock aboves^d

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield September 21 1736 upon adjournment as abovesaid

Jacob Redington & George Bixby are chosen to serve on the Jury of tryals at y^e next inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at Newbery

2ly The Town agreed to Raise Thirty pounds beside m^r Emersons Salary to defray Town charges this year

3ly The Town accepts of y^e Select mens Return of their Reasoning with the Town Treasurer

y^e select men have approbated m^r William Howlett School master for the year ensuing

The freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield such as are qualified for voting are hereby required notified & warned to Conven together at the meeting house in Topsfield on fryday y^e Twelueth of Novembar Currant at one of the clock in y^e afternoon

ffirstly To see if the Town will give to y^e reverend m^r John Emarson Twenty pound as thay did y^e year past

2ly To see what y^e will doe with the of y^e Intrest Lone money now in the Trustees hands

3ly To see what y^e Town will order Consarning y^e money which y^e watch house and bricks belonging to it weare sould for

4ly To see if Town [will] Choose A Committe to treet with our neighbours in Ipswich ffarms in order to know their minds Consarning [being] set of to our Town

5ly To see if [the Town] will Choos a committee to set Bounds [between] Middleton and Topsfield

sixly To alow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield Novembar 1 1736 Jacob Redington
 Luke Averell George Bixby David Baultch Select men of
 Daniel Gould Constable for Topsfield Topsfield

At a Lawfull Town meeting in Topsfield Novembar 12 1736 firstly deacon Jacob Peabody is chosen moderator for this meeting

2ly the Town agrees to Give to the reverend m^r John Emarson Twenty pounds for this year as they did y^e year past

3ly The [Town] agrees that the intrest of the lone money shall be paid into the Town Treasurer for the Towns use

4ly The Town agrees that select men shall settle & perambulate the bounds between Middleton and our Town according to Court Grant

5ly Capt Joseph Gould deacon Jacob Peabody & Jacob Redington are chose a committie to meet with our neighbours in Ipswich farms in order to know their minds Concerning their being set of to our Town

and for bills of change y^e Town allowed to Matthew Peabody & Joseph Towne for perambulating with Salem six shillings

and to Ens Joseph Dorman and Thomas Gould for perambulating with boxford six shillings and to Tobijah Perkins John Wilds and Luke Averell for perambulating with Ipswich three shillings apeace & to Philip Towne for timber to mend the Town bridg five shillings to Joseph herrick for going to settle the line with middleton Three shillings & to the Trustees of the lone money for y^e care and Trouble Eighteen shillings

and to George bixby for timbar to mend wheel brook bridg six shillings

Boston Janu^{ay} 27 1736 Rec^d of the Trustees of the Town of Topsfield by y^e hand of Joseph Gould fifty two pounds sixteen shillings being y^e third fifth of y^e Sixty thousand pounds Loan & six pounds six shillings & eight pence Interest to y^e first of June 1736

£ s d

52 = 16 = 0 principal

Will^m Frye Treas

6 = 06 = 8 Interest

March y^e first 1736-7 then Rec^{vd} of M^r Eleazar Lake one of y^e Towns Trustees y^e sum of three pounds three shillings & two pence I say Rec^{vd} by me

Ivory Hovey Town Treas^r

To M^r John Wilds one of y^e Constables of y^e Town of Topsfield In his Majesties Name you are required forthwith to warn all y^e free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield in your Ward lawfully qualified for voting to convene together at y^e Meeting House in Topsfield afores^d on Tuesday y^e first Day of March next att Eight of the Clock in y^e morning

Istly To Choose a Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen & all other Town officers as y^e Law directs

2ndly To see if y^e Town will accept y^e Return of y^e Committee Chosen November 12, 1736 to treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms concerning there being sett off to our Town

Also to see if y^e Town will accept of our aboves^d Neighbours of Ipswich farms upon y^e terms which they have Subscribed to & Choose a Committee to joyn with a Committee that they shall Choose in order to see where a line may be properly stated or to agree & conclude upon some other method as the Town shall then think proper peaceably to promote y^e aboves^d affair

3dly To choose a Suetable person for a grave digger for the Town

4thly To see if y^e Town will abate William Mackitreys Rate to Constable Jonathan Perkins

5thly To allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield	Jacob Redington	} Selectmen of Topsfield
February 14 1736-7	David Balch	
	Luke Averill	
	Mathew Peabody	
	George Bixby	

Topsfield March y^e first 1736-7

B[y] virtue of this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants to appear at time & place within mentioned

John Wilds Constable

At a Lawful Town meeting in Topsfield March 1st 1736-7

1. Jacob Peabody is chosen Moderator for y^e Meeting

voted

2. Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year ensuing

voted

3. Deacon Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year ensuing

voted

4. M^r Jacob Perkins Jun^r & M^r Israel Clark [are] Chosen Constables for y^e year ensuing

voted

5. M^r Jacob Dorman, M^r John Wilds, M^r Benjamin Towne, Lieu^t Zacheus Gould & M^r Daniel Redington are Chosen Select men for y^e year ensuing

voted

6. M^r Israel Towne is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year

7. M^r Phinehas Redington, M^r William Perkins & M^r Jacob Redington are chosen tithing men for y^e year ensuing

voted

8. M^r Thomas Perkins, M^r Jacob Robinson & M^r David Commings are chosen fence viewers for y^e year ensuing voted

10. M^r Benj^m How & M^r Samuel Perkins are choosen Hogreeves for y^e year ensuing

voted

9. M^r Thomas Dorman, M^r Samuel Towne & Lieu^{tn} Tobijah Perkins are Choosen Surveyors of highways for y^e year ensuing

voted

11. Upon hearing y^e report of y^e Committee y^t went to treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich Farms & then answer to y^c Committee voted y^t y^e Town are willing to have our Neighbours in Ipswich Farms laid to us & to joyn with us to be one Town & y^e Town to be at one half of y^e whole Charge of their being laid to y^e Town, provided y^t our s^d Neighbours which live on y^e South Side of the River Shall & do sufficiently oblige themselves & their Heirs to find themselves a way over y^e River, so y^t y^e Town of Topsfield as a Town shall not be at y^e charge of making or maintaining a Bridge over y^e River for them

12. M^r Joseph Herrick, Dea^{cn} Ivory Hovey & M^r Nath^l Averill are Chosen a committee to see if our Neighbours in Ipswich farms will agree to y^e vote of y^e Town respecting their being laid to us: if they consent thereto then s^d Committee are to take Security of those g^{tn} y^e South Side of y^e River agreeable to y^e vote of y^e Town; and also to joyn with Such as our s^d Neighbours shall choose to agree where & how to state a Line & s^d Committee to make return of their proceeding in s^d affair to y^e Town as soon as may be convenient

13. Benjamin How is Chosen to digg y^e graves

voted

14. The Town allowed to Mr. Jonathan Perkins so much as Will Mackitry was rated on y^e Lists when He was Constable

voted

15. The Town allowed to M^r Michael Dwinill Jun^r & M^r John Town Jun^r four shillings for perambulating with Wenham men on the line between y^e Towns in y^e year 1736

voted 00-4-00

16. The Town allowed to y^e School Committee viz to M^r Joshua Towne, M^r John Wilds & M^r Richard Towne eighteen pounds seventeen shillings & nine pence for defraying y^e Charges of y^e School for four months & three Days y^e year past voted 18-17-9

17. The Town allowed to M^r Samuel Towne five shillings for Timber to mend y^e highway in y^e year 1734 voted 00-5-00

The Several Officers Chosen at the above s^d Town meeting of whom an oath is by the Laws Required all tooke the proper oath [of their] Respective offices on the Same Day of sd meeting. Except Jacob [] Thomas Dorman being Chosen a Haward or field Driver of [] Meadow Common fields: he was Sworn to y^e faithfull discharge of his office: before the Selectmen on y^e 1 of march 1736-7, Jacob Perkins Jun^r being Chosen Constable on y^e 1 of March 1736 was Sworn on the 14 Day of the same month

Entered by order of the Selectmen Jacob Peabody

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for voting; are hereby Notified & warned to assemble and meet together, at the Meeting house in Said Town on Wednesday the Twenty third Currant, at two of the Clock afternoon

- 1 To Chuse Jurymen for Ipswich Court
- 2 To Chuse a Committe to Supply the Town with a School for the year Ensuing
- 3 To Chuse a Surveyer of hemp & flax
- 4ly To Chuse overseers of the poor
- 5 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for Swine to go at Large as the Law Directs and to see if the Town will Do anything about a fish Course up Ipswich River
- 6 To hear and act upon Ipswich farmers answer to Topsfield Committe

Dat^d Topsfield March y^e 14th 1736-7

Israel Clark Constable of Topsfield

Zacheus Gould
Daniel Redington
Jacob Dorman
John Wildes
Benj^a Towne

Selectmen of Topsfield

A True Copy of y^e Notification Attest Jacob Peabody
Town Clerk

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 23rd
1736-7

1 Lieu^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Mr Thomas Gould is Chosen Grand Juryman for the year Ensuing voted

3 En^s Joseph Dorman & Mr Matthew Peabody are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich voted

4 Mr Jesse Dorman, mr Joseph Andrew & mr David Comings are Chosen a Committe to Supply the Town with a School-master for y^e year Ensuing voted

5 Lieu^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen Surveyer of hemp & fflax for y^e year Ensuing voted

6 The Town Gives Liberty for Swine to go at Large as y^e Law Gives Liberty voted

7 Mr Joseph Towne, Mr Joseph Herrick, & Mr Benjamin Towne are Chosen a Committe to go to the Neighbouring Towns to See if they will Joyn with us in Trying to Gitt a fish Course Cleard up Ipswich River and if the Neighbouring Towns or the Major part of them which the Said Committe Shall Treat with about s^d affair Shall See Cause to Joyn with us as afore s^d then Said Committe are hereby fully Impow-
ered to use all Proper means as the Law Directs to Git the Same Effected voted

8 Inasmuch as this Town is very small and there being a Number of our Neighbours in Ipswich farms which are willing to be Laid or set off to this Town Therefore the Town Doe hereby Declare that they are willing to Receive our Said Neighbours into one Township with us and to have them with us in all Civill, and Ecclesiastical Priviledges they pay-
ing one half of the Charge of being set off as they agreed to doe: by their Committies Answer to our Towns Committe March 14 1736-7 voted

Mr Joseph Herrick Enters his Dissent from the Last vote because he would not be at any Cost about a Bridge for our said Neighbours on y^e South Side of the river

Cap^t Joseph Gould Mr George Bixbe & Mr Nathaniel []
Are Chosen a Committe to Joyn with Such Gentlemen as our
sd [] have already Chosen to go and agree upon a Line

which they [] Most Convenient for our sd Neighbours to be Sett off by to this []

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting, are hereby Warned to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting house in Said Topsfield, on Tuseday the Tenth Currant at three of the Clock After Noon. first to Chuse a Representative to Serve for and Represent them at A Great and General Court to be holden at Boston for his Majesties Service

2 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for the Selectmen to Draw five pounds, Seven Shillings and Ten pence out of our Treasury to Pay a County Rate. And to See if the Town will Reckon with the Town Treasurer And to See how the Town will Dispose of the intrest of the Loan money

Dat^d Topsfield May the 5th 1737

Jacob Perkins Constable	Zacheus Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Daniel Redington	
	Benj ^a Towne	
	John Wildes	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 10th 1737

1 Lieu^t Zacheus Gould is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted

2 Mr Nathaniel Bordman is Chosen Representative for y^e Town voted

3 The Town Gave Liberty for y^e Selectmen to Draw five pound Seven Shillings & Ten pence out of the Town Treasury to Pay the County Rate which is now Sent for voted

4 Voted that the Select [men] Shall Reckon with y^e Town Treasurer voted

5 Voted that the Trustees of y^e Towns Loan Money shall pay in y^e Towns part of s^d Loan to the Town Treasurer for y^e Towns use

Topsfield June y^e 27th 1737 There is taken up Dam[] by Joseph Neeland of Topsfield a Small horse about three or four year old: of a black or Dark brown Colour having a Short Dock but Neither brand nor Ear Mark the sd horse was apprizd at Six pound by Daniel Dresser of Boxford and Joseph Commings of Topsfield they were sworn before David Wood Esqr

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are Warned and Notified to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting house in Said Town on ffryday the Twenty third Current, at two of the Clock afternoon

1 To See how much money they will raise to Defray Town Charges for the year Ensuing

2ly To See how much money they will Allow to Mr Emerson more than his Sallary for the year Ensuing

3 To Choose Jury men for Newbery Court

4 To See if they will abate Josiah Kenney Deceased his Rates for his head for the year 1736

5 To Receive the Answer of our Neighbours in Ipswich farms and to Do and act on or about that affair as they Shall See Cause

6 To Allow bills of Charge. Dated in Topsfield Sep^t 17th 1737

Jacob Perkins Jun^r Constable

Daniel Redington	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Jacob Dorman	
John Willds	
Benj ^a Towne	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 23rd 1737

1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this meeting
voted

2 The Town Agreed that fourty pounds Shall be raised to Defray the Arising Charges of the Town for the year Ensuing
voted

3 Mr Joseph Herrick & Mr Benjamin Towne are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery

4 The Town Allowed Sixteen Shillings & Six pence to Mary Kenny widow And Relick of Josiah Kenney Late of Topsfield Deceased it being an abatement of sd Josiahs Rates for the year 1736

5 The Town agreed to Joyn with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms in Petitioning to the General Court that they and their Estates May be Laid to y^e Town of Topsfield as Town
voted

6 Voted that Cap^t Joseph Gould & Mr George Byxbe be a Committe to Joyn with our s^d Neighbours or with Such as they Shall Appoint to petition as Afore Said

Topsfield January 10th 1737-8 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e Sum of Sixty pounds in full and y^e full of my Last years Salary from September 2nd 1736 to March 2nd 1736-7

by me John Emerson

Topsfield March 18th 1736-7 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer y^e sum of Sixty pounds in full and y^e full of my Last years Salary from September 2nd 1736 to March 2nd 1736-7

by me John Emerson

Topsfield February 3rd 1737-8 Received Eleven pound in full of this order & in full for my Salary to the 2nd of September 1737

by me John Emerson

The three Receipts Last Entred are True Copies

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified & warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield Tuseday y^e Seventh Day of March Next at Nine of y^e Clock in y^e fore noon

1 To Choose a Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen and other Town Officers as the Law Directs Annually to be Chosen

2 To see what the Town will Do as to the Reverend Mr John Emersons Salary, as to y^e fall of y^e bills of Credit Since he Settled with us in y^e work of the Ministry

3 To See what the Town will Do as to the Repairing y^e parsonage fence

4 To Approbate Juriours as the Law Directs

5 To hear and act upon a Petition of Mr James Curtis and others of Boxford

6 To hear and Act on a Petition of Mr George Bixby & others Refering to Rams

7 To Allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield February y^e 28th A : D : 1737-8

	Zacheus Gould	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Daniel Redington	
Jacob Perkins Constable	Jacob Dorman	
	John Wildes	
	Benj ^a Towne	

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 7th
1737-8

- 1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this meet-
ing voted
- 2 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for the year En-
suing voted
- 3 William Perkins & Thomas Perkins are Chosen Consta-
bles for y^e year ensuing voted
- 4 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e
year Ensuing voted
- 5 Joseph Herrick, Daniel Redington, David Commings,
Benjamin Towne and Joseph Perkins: are Chosen Selectmen
for the year Ensuing voted
- 6 Israel Towne is Chosen Sealer of Leather for y^e year
Ensuing voted
- 7 George Bixby, Solomon Gould, & Samuel Towne: are
Chosen Tything Men for the year Ensuing voted
- 8 Ephraim Wildes, Samuel Curtis, & Nathan Hood: are
Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 9 Israel Clark, John Towne Jun^r, & Thomas Howlet are
Chosen fence viewers for the year Ensuing voted
- 10 Robert Perkins, & John Clark are Chosen Hogreaves
for y^e year Ensuing voted
- 11 Whereas William Perkins hath agreed with Dan Clark
to Serve for him as Constable: the Town Doth Accept of s^d
Clark in y^e room of s^d Perkins voted
- 12 The Town agreed to Give Thirty pounds to the Rev-
erend Mr John Emerson for the present year voted
- 13 The Town Agreed to Make Twenty Rods of good Suf-
ficient Stone wall about y^e Parsonage this year voted
- 14 Cor^l John Wildes & Phillip Towne are Chosen to make
up S^d Stone wall about the Parsonage and also to repair the
rest of y^e fence about the parsonage (which belongs to the
Town) with the old fence which they shall take up; where
they Make the wall voted

15 The Town having heard the Petition of Mr James Curtis And others of Boxford Concerning their being Set off to the Town of Topsfield. The Town Voted that they were willing to Receive them in Township with us voted

16 The Town Allowed one pound to Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey for Serving the two Last years as Town Treasurer

voted 1-0-0

17 The Town Allowed to Mr Daniel Clark Nine Shillings for Timber to mend the high ways in y^e year 1736 voted

18 The Town Allowed to Samuel Towne one pound one Shilling 1-1-0 for Timber to mend the high ways in the year 1737 voted

19 The Town Allowed to Benjamin How one pound Eight Shillings 1-8-0 for Sweeping the Meeting house y^e year past voted

The officers Chosen at the above s^d meeting were all Sworn as the Law Directs

Boston 25 octo 1737 Rec^d of Mr Daniel Gould Constable of Topsfield Sixty Six pound thirteen Shillings & Ten pence in full W^m frye Treas^r

This is a True Copy attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

Topsfield March 21st 1738 Then Rec^d of Mr Daniel Gould one of the former Constables: the Sum of four pounds and Eleven Shillings & Six pence in full of his Rates Committed to me to Receive of him

I say Rec^d by me

Ivory Hovey Treasurer
for s^d Town

This Last Receipt is a True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Clerk

The ffreeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsp^d Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are notified and warned to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting house in s^d Town on Tuseday the Twenty first Day of March Instant at Two of the Clock after noon

1 To Choose Jury men according to Warrant for Ipswich Court

2 To Choose a Committe to Supply the Town with a School master for the year Ensuing

3 To See if the Town will Repair or amend the Glass of the Meeting house

4 To See if the Town will Give Liberty for Swine to go at Large as the Law Directs

5 To allow bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield March the 17: A: D 1737-8

Thomas Perkins Constable	Joseph Herrick	} Selectmen of Topsfield
	Daniel Redington	
	David Commings	
	Benj ⁿ Towne	

At a Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 21st 1737-8

1 Mr Joseph Herrick is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand Jury for y^e year Ensuing
voted

3 Mr Daniel Clark & Mr Nath^l Capen are Drawn out of the Box to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Ipswich

4 Phineas Redington, mr Thomas Dwinel & Doc^t Richard Dexter are Chosen a Committe to provide a School master for the Town for y^e year Ensuing
voted

5 The Town agreed that the present Selectmen Shall take Care to Git the Meeting house Glass windows repaired
voted

6 The Town agreed that Swine May go at Large this year according as the Law gives Liberty
voted

7 The Town Allowed fifteen Shillings to Thomas Dorman for Timber to mend the Bridge between Topsfield & Middleton
0-15-0

8 The Town Allowed fifteen pound to the School Committe viz Mr Jesse Dorman, Mr Joseph Andrew & David Commings for Defraying the Charges of the School fo[r] three months in y^e years 1737 & 1737-8
voted

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting are hereby Notified and warned; to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in s^d Topsfield on Tuseday the Sixteenth Day of May Currant, at Two of the Clock After noon

1 To Choose a Representative to Serve in y^e Great and General Court to be holden at Boston, upon Wednesday the Thirty first Day of May Currant

- 2 To See if the Town will Reckon with y^e Town Treasurer
 - 3 To See if the Town will Give order to the Treasurer to Sue for y^e Money Due for the Watch house
 - 4 To See if the Town will agree to build a School house or houses
 - 5 To Allow bills of Charge
- Dat^d Topsfield May y^e 8 A : D : 1738

Thomas Perkins Constable of Topsfield	Joseph Herrick David Commings Daniel Redington Benj ^a Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield May: 16: 1738

- 1 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen Representative to Serve at the General Court voted
- 2 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting voted
- 3 Voted that the Selectmen Shall Reckon with Town Treasurer

4 Voted that y^e Town Treasurer Shall Receive the Money which is Due to the Town for the Watch house, and for the brick which Did belong to y^e s^d watch house

5 The Town Allowed to Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins Eighteen Shillings for Timber he had of Joseph Peabody & Jacob Averill to mend the high ways in the year 1737 voted

6 The Town Allowed Seven Shillings to Benjamin How 0-7-0 for Sweeping the Meeting house the Months from y^e first of March Last voted

7 The Town Allowed Thirty Six Shillings To the Trustees for the £60000 Loan for their trouble About the Towns part of sd Loan from May first 1736 till they had Sent in the fourth fift part of Said Loan voted 1-16-0

Topsfield March 2nd 1737-8 Received of Mr Ivory Hovey Town Treasurer fifty pound y^e full of this within written order and y^e full of My Sallary to y^e 2nd of March 1737-8
by me John Emerson

The ffrecholders and other Inhabitants of Topsfield that are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting are hereby notified and warned to Assemble and Meet together at the Meeting house in Said Town on Thirsday the fourteenth Currant at Two of the Clock afternoon

- 1 To Chuse Jury men for Newbery Court
 - 2 To See what the Town will Do Concerning the Clay Ground reserved for the Towns use
 - 3 To See how much Money the Town will raise to Defray Charges for the year Ensuing
 - 4 to accept of the Selectmens reckoning with y^e Town Treasurer
 - 5 to allow bills of Charge
- Dat^d Topsfield Sep^t y^e 7th Anno: Domini 1738
- | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thomas Perkins | Joseph Herrick | } Selectmen
of Topsfield |
| Constable of Topsfield | David Commings | |
| | Benj ^a Towne | |

At A Lawfull Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t 14th 1738

- 1 Deaⁿ Ivory Hovey is Chosen Mōderator for this Meeting
voted
- 2 Mr Thomas Baker & Mr Nath^l Porter Jun^r are Chosen by the Direction of Law to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbery
- 3 Doc^t Michael Dwinel & Edmun Towne are Chosen to take the Enspection of the Clay Ground which belongs to the Town to See that No out Towns man or men Shall Dig or Carry away any Clay or brick from Said Clay Ground
voted
- 4 The Town agreed to raise Eighty pound (besides Mr Emersons Salary to Defray the charges of the Town the Ensuing year
voted
- 5 The Town accepted of the Selectmen Reckoning with y^e Town Treasurer
- 6 the Town Allowed Twenty pound to the School Committe viz To Phineas Redington & Thomas Dwinel: To pay M^r Hovey for keeping School two Months; And to pay M^r Howlet for keeping School two Months in the Spring and Summer past
voted 20-0-0

Topsfield May the 26th 1738 then Rec^d of y^e Trustees of y^e £60000 Loan viz Eliezer Lake Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody the Sum of Two pounds two Shillings and three pence in full for the Towns part of the interest of s^d Loan from May y^e 1: 1736 till May 1st 1737

I Say Rec^d by me Ivory Hovey Treasurer for sd Town

Boston 2 June, 1738 Rec^d of the Trustees of the Town of
Topsfield P hand Mr Joseph Gould fifty two pound Sixteen
shillings being the 4th 5th of the 60000£ Loan & four pound
four Shillings Six pence Int^r to June 1737

£ 52-16-0

W. Frye Treasurer

4-4-6

£ 57-0-6

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of y^e Town of Tops-
field, such as are qualified, as y^e Law directs, for voting, are
hereby notified & warned to assemble & meet together at y^e
Meeting House in s^d Topsfield, on Tuesday y^e sixth Day of
March next ensuing the Date hereof at eight of y^e Clock in
y^e fore noon

1. To choose a Town Clerk, Constables, Selectmen & other
Town officers annually to be chosen

2. To see what y^e Town will do about M^r Emerson's Sal-
ary, or how much more they will allow him for y^e ensuing
year

3. To see what y^e Town will do about y^e Clay Ground re-
served for the Towns use

4. To allow Bills of Charge

5. To see what y^e Town will do relating to our neighbours
in Ipswich farms coming into Township with us. And to
Approve Jurors

6. To see what the Town will do about fencing the Par-
sonage

Dated Topsfield February y^e 22nd Anno Dom^{on} 1738-9

Thomas Perkins	}	Joseph Hirrick	}	Selectmen of Topsfield
Dan Clarke		Daniel Redington		
Constables of		David Cummings		
Topsfield		Benja Towne		

At a legal Town Meeting in Topsfield March 6 1738-9

1. M^r John Wildes is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted

2. Jacob Peabody is Chosen Town Clerk for y^e year en-
suing voted

3. M^r Thomas Baker & M^r Dan Clarke are Chosen Con-
stables for y^e year ensuing voted

4. M^r Benjamin Towne Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins M^r Daniel

Gould M^r John Wildes & M^r Daniel Redington are Chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing voted

5. M^r David Balch is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e year ensuing voted

6. M^r Israel Towne is Chosen sealer of leather for y^e year ensuing voted

7. M^r Luke Averill, M^r Nathan Peabody & M^r Joseph Perkins are Chosen Tythingmen for y^e year ensuing voted

8. M^r Amos Dorman M^r John Davis & M^r Solomon Gould are Chosen Surveyers of highways for y^e year ensuing voted

9. Lieu^t Joseph Dorman Joseph Hovey & M^r Nathaniel Capen are Chosen fence viewers for y^e year ensuing voted

10. M^r Jeremiah Towne, M^r Isaac Estey & M^r Joseph Hirrick Jun^r are Chosen hogreeves for the year ensuing voted

11. M^r Nath^l Averill Jun^r M^r Eliezer Lake & Jacob Peabody are Chosen a committee to settle bounds with y^e Proprietors of the land that joyns upon y^e Clay Ground reserved for the Towns use voted

12. The Town manifested by a vote that they were willing to recieve our Neighbours in Ipswich farms into Township with us: and M^r Joseph Hirrick M^r George Bixby & M^r Joseph Towne are chosen a committee to treat with our s^d neighbours in Ipswich farms, to see upon what Terms they will joyn with us as [a] Township, and make return of their proceedings in s^d affair, to y^e Town at their next meeting voted

13. The Town allowed one pound nine shillings & six pence to M^r Daniel Clark for boarding y^e Glazers & keeping their horses while they mended the meeting House Glass the last winter voted 1-9-6

14. The Town allowed sixteen shillings & 6 pence to M^r Daniel Gould for John Spauldings rates voted 0-16-6

15. The Town allowed twenty one pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence to the School Comm^{tee} M^r Thomas Dwinell M^r Phinhas Redington & M^r Richard Dexter for defraying the Charges of the school for four months & eleven days the year past voted 21 16 8

16. The Town allowed to M^r Joseph Hirrick one pound fifteen shillings 1 15 0

and to M^r David Cummings three pounds five shillings

3 05 0

and to Mr Benjaⁿ Towne one pound twelve shillings 1 12 0
they having paid the afores^d Sums to the Glazers that
mended the Meeting House Glass y^e last winter voted

17. The Town allowed to Mr Epraim Wildes ten Shillings
and Six pence for Timber to Mend y^e highways y^e year past
voted 0-10-6

18. The Town allowed five shillings to Mr Sam^l Curtis for
timber to mend the highways the year past voted 0 5 0

19. The Town agreed to give to y^e Reven^d Mr John Em-
erson thirty pounds more than his Salary for this year voted

The Several Town officers Chosen at the Last Town Meet-
ing Which y^e Law requires to be Sworn All took the oath
belonging to their Respective Offices on the Sixth, and on
the Sixteenth Days of March 1738-9 (Except Mr David Balch
who was Chosen Town Treasurer And refused to Serve)

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of
Topsfield Such as are Lawfully Quallified for Voting in Town
Meeting are hereby Notified and Warned to Assemble and
Meet together at the Meeting house in Said Topsfield on
Tuesday the Twentieth Day of March Currant at two of the
Clock afternoon

1 To Chuse Jury men for Ipswich Court According to
Warrant

2 To Choose a Town Treasurer

3. To Choose a Committee to Supply the Town with a
School master for the year Ensuing

4. To Accept of the return of the Committe that was to
Treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms Coming into
Township with us and to Act on that Affair as Shall be
Needfull

5 To Allow Swine to Go at Large as the Law Directs

6 To Allow bills of Charge

Dat^d Topsfield March the 16th A : D : 1738-9

Dan Clarke	} of Topsfield	John Wildes	} Selectmen
Constable		Tobijah Perkins	
		Daniel Gould	
		Benj ^a Towne	

At A Legall Town Meeting in Topsfield March y^e 20th
1738-9

- 1 Mr John Wildes is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted
- 2 Cap^t Joseph Gould is Chosen to Serve on y^e Grand jury
y^e year Ensuing voted
- 3 Mr Jesse Dorman and Mr Nathaniel Bordman are Drawn
out of the box to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the next In-
feriour Court to be holden at Ipswich
- 4 Mr Richard Towne is Chosen Town Treasurer for y^e
year Ensuing voted
- 5 Mr Nathaniel Porter Jun^r M^r David Commings & M^r
Matthew Peabody are Chosen a Committe to provide a
School master for the Town for the year Ensuing voted
- 6 The Town Manifested by a Vote that they are willing to
Receive our Neighbours in Ipswich farms Lying on the North
Side of the River into Township with us they being at y^e
whole Charge of their being Sett off to this Town
- 7 Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins and M^r Thomas Howlett are Cho-
sen to Inform our Said Neighbours of the Towns Last Vote
Concerning their being Laid to our Town, and to Desire an
answer from our Said Neighbours whether they will take up
with Said Vote or not and Make return to y^e Town at the
next Town meeting voted
- 8 The Town agrees that Swine Shall go at Large this year
according as the Law Gives Liberty voted
- 9 The Town allowed two Shillings and Six pence to Mr
Nathaniel Capen for Mending the West Gallary in y^e Meet-
ing house voted
- 10 The Town Allowed one pound four Shillings & Six
pence 1-4-6 to Mr John Perkins for Sweeping the Meeting
[house] three Quarters of the Last year and for Mending
the Latch of the East Door voted
- 11 The Town Allowed one pound 1-0-0 to Cap^t Ivory
Hovey for Serving Town Treasurer the two Last years voted

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Salem Aprill 2^d 1739
this being the year for Perambulations according to Law the
s^d Selectmen have Agreed & Do hereby appoint and Impow-
er the persons here after Named or any two of them: to
Meet with such persons as the Selectmen of Topsfield Shall
Appoint on Monday y^e 23rd of Aprill Currant at Ten a Clock
at the house of Mr Samuel Porter to Perambulate & renew

the bounds between Salem & Topsfield viz Mess^r Samuel flint, Thomas Lee, Samuel Gardner, Samuel Carlton & Israel Andrew as by Record Appears

Attest John Higginson Town Cler

Pursuant to the within order and at the time therein Directed we Met & Perambulated and renewed the bounds between Salem & Topsfield: Begining at a Large White Oak Tree Marked S. W. T. with a heap of Stones around it Near Wenham Causey: And from thence to a heap of Stones between a black or Red Oak Stump (the Tree being Newly fell^d) and an old Stump in Bixbys orchard, and from thence to a heap of Stones near the Corner of Thomas Dwinels Pasture and from thence to a heap of Stones Near Nickolles Brook a Little above the Sawmill and So on in the same Course to s^d Brook

for Topsfield	{	Joseph Herrick	{	Tho Lee
		Thomas ^{his} O Dwinel		Israel Andrew
		Benj ^a ^{mark} Towne		Samuel flint
		Nathaniel Porter Jun ^r		

A True Copy Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

We the Subscribers being appointed to Perambulate & renew the Bounds between Topsfield & Boxford accordingly Met on y^e 23rd of Aprill 1739 and Renewed the bounds Begining at y^e Apple tree in Cap^t Perleys field to a Stake and heap of Stones at the South Easterly Corner of Mr Bakers farm now in Boxford, and from thence to a Damm Called Andrews Damm near to Mr Thomas Goulds house And from thence: being the Place where the water Now runs under s^d Damm Southerly to a Stake and heap of Stones by the fishing Brook on the Easterly Side of the Rivulet runing into Said Brook and thence as s^d Brook runs into the river Called Ipswich River and thence up s^d River to Middleton Line

A True Copy attest Jacob Peabody
T: Cler

Jeremiah Perley
Ivory Hovey
John Andrew
Ephriam Wildes

The ffreeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield that are Quallified as the Law Directs for Voting

are Notified & warned to Assemble & meet together at the Meeting house in Said Topsfield on fryday the Eleventh Day of May Currant at three of the Clock after noon

1 To Choose a Representative; to Serve in the General Court

2 To Reckon with Cap^t Hovey, former Treasurer for Topsfield

3 To Accept y^e Return of the Committe, that was to Treat with our Neighbours in Ipswich farms, Comming into Township with us And to Act on that Affair

4 To Allow Bills of Charge

5 To Chuse a Grave Diger

6 To See what the Town will do about the Line between Wenham and Topsfield

Dated Topsfield May the Second Day A: D: 1739

Dan Clarke

Constable of Topsfield

Daniel Redington

John Wildes

Benj^a Towne

} Selectmen
} of Topsfield

A True Copy of the Notification

Attest Jacob Peabody Town Cler

At A Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield May y^e 11th 1739

1 Jacob Peabody is Chosen Representative to Serve at the General Court at their Several Sessions the year Ensuing

voted

2 And then Mr Daniel Redington was Chosen Moderator to order the other affairs of s^d meeting

voted

3 voted That the Selectmen Shall Reckon with Cap^t Ivory Hovey a former Town Treasurer

4 Cap^t Ivory Hovey, Lieu^t Tobijah Perkins & Jacob Peabody are Appointed and Chosen they or Either of them to Joyn with our Neighbours in Ipswich Farms Lying on y^e North Side of the River in Petitioning to the Town of Ipswich and also to y^e Generall Court in order to git our s^d Neighbours Set off from Ipswich to Topsfield: provided our Said Neighbours will be at y^e whole Charge of s^d affair

voted

5 The Town Allowed To Cap^t Ivory Hovey four pounds six shillings and three pence: So much being in two former Constables hands which s^d Hovey could not recover when he was Treasurer

voted

6 The Town Allowed fourty Shillings to Mr John Wildes

for Sixty rails & Twelve posts and for setting them upon y^e parsonage and for Mending up Some other parsonage fence
voted 2-0-0

Voted that Cap^t Joseph Gould Mr John Wildes and Mr Edmond Towne Mr Nathaniel Averill Jun^r & Jacob Peabody or the Major part of them be a Committe to Meet with Such Men as the Town of Wenham hath Appointed or Shall Appoint to fix and Settle A Corner bounds between Wenham & Topsfield on Salem Line in the place where a Straight Line from the heap of Stones (which Wenham and Topsfield have often renewed as a Corner bounds) to the Plump of Maples in the Divisional Line between Said Towns Crosses Said Salem Line

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield Such as are Qualified as the Law Directs for Voting: are hereby Notified & Warned to Assemble and Meet together at y^e Meeting house in Topsfield on Munday the Seventeenth Day of September Currant at one of the Clock afternoon

- 1 To Choose Jury men for Newbery Court
- 2 To See if the Town will Do any thing about Mr Emersons Salary
- 3 To See if y^e Town will Give y^e Committe y^t was Chosen to Settle bounds with Wenham any further Power
- 4 To See how much Money y^e Town will raise this year
- 5 To Allow Bills of Charge

Dated Topsfield September 12th 1739

	Benj ^a Towne	} Selectmen of Topsfield
Tho ^s Baker Constable:	John Wildes	
	Daniel Redington	

A True Copy of y^e Notification attest Jacob Peabody T: Cl

At a Legal Town Meeting in Topsfield Sep^t y^e 17th 1739

- 1 Mr John Wildes is Chosen Moderator for this Meeting
voted
- 2 Mr Nathaniel Averill Jun^r & Mr Thomas Howlet are Chosen to Serve on y^e Jury of Tryalls at the Next Inferiour Court to be holden at Newbury
voted
- 3 Voted that the Selectmen Shall raise a Tax of Eighty pounds to Defray the Town Charges this year

4 Whereas the Committe that was Chosen the Eleventh of May Last in order to Settle y^e bounds between Wenham and Topsfield: Have not agreed with Wenham Committe about the bounds: and after Some Discourse on s^d affair the Question was put whether the Town will Give our s^d Committe any further Power in order to Said Settlement and it passed in the Negative

5 The Town allowed the School Committe viz Mr Matthew Peabody, Mr Nathaniel Porter Jun^r & Mr David Commings 13-15-0 thirteen pound fifteen Shillings to pay the School master for two Months & three weeks Service in keeping School this year voted

6 The Town Allowed one pound thirteen Shillings & three pence 1-13-3 to Mr Benjamin Towne, for buying Several Measures for the Town and for Gitting the Town Waights and Measures Seal[e]d voted

7 The Town Allowed one pound Six Shillings to Phillip Towne for 20 five hole posts & two Days work about y^e parsonage voted

8 The Town Gave the Towns old half bushel to Dan Clark for bringing a New half bushel from Salem voted

Boston 3^d July 1739 Rec^d of the Trustees of Topsfield p hand Mr Jacob Peabody Fifty two pounds Sixteen Shillings being the Last 5th of the 60000 £ Loan, and two pounds two Shillings three pence interest to June 1738

W^m Frye Treasurer

This is A True Copy of y^e Treasurers Receipt Attest Jacob Peabody T Cler

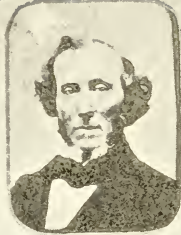
September y^e 30th 1739 The Congregation in Topsfield Contributed the Sum of Eight pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six pence towards the Support of the Reverend Mr Torrys Cause in Secureing the Ministerial Lands in Narranganset for a Congregational Minister Which Sum I Delivered to the Reverend Mr Thomas Prince a Pastor of y^e old South church in Boston and took a Receipt for y^e Same

Jacob Peabody

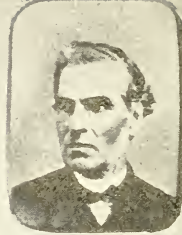
(*To be continued.*)



JACOB SANBORN.



C.S. MACREADING.



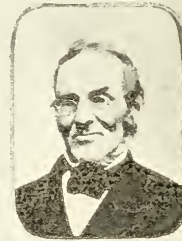
H.C. DUNHAM.



I.J.P. COLLYER.



M.P. WEBSTER.



W. R. STONE.



K. ATKINSON.



A. F. BAILEY.



F. FURBER.

THE MINISTRY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN TOPSFIELD.

BY LEONE PARKER WELCH.

The plan and scope of this paper, which in abstracted form was read before the Society, March 6, 1914, is to give briefly an insight into the life, character and achievements of those who have been the official spiritual leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Topsfield. From the wealth of biographical material at hand statements of fact have been culled, to which have been added personal estimates (carefully avoiding fulsome praise and sharp criticism) by those amply qualified for the task, with now and then an anecdote or observation from a reliable source. This church has been fortunate in the intellectual strength, the sincerity of purpose and the influential and commanding positions attained in the denomination by her ministry, furnishing no fewer than seven Presiding Elders or District Superintendents,* a University President,† writers of recognized reputation and many efficient pastors.

The history of this church as a society may be found in Volume III of these Historical Collections where Mrs. Clarissa A. Glazier (now deceased) accurately and most interestingly

*Mess. Swinerton, Paulson, Rodgers, Manson, Curnick, Dixon and Reader.

†Rev. James T. Docking

relates the story of the inception and growth of the organization.

It well may be said that Ezra Glazier of Ipswich, was the founder of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Topsfield. He was born at West Boylston, Mass., December 18, 1800, the son of Jason and Sarah (Dinsmore) Glazier. With very limited school advantages, at an early age he came to Salem in 1818 and found employment with Bickford, the baker, on Turner street, and after six years' service as an apprentice, opened a bakery on High street, Ipswich. To him the spread of the Kingdom of God was of chiefest importance, and he entered into active Christian service with intense zeal and unbounded enthusiasm and reached the hearts of the people in a remarkable manner. Topsfield was included in his field of labor and at the first service held in the North school house in May, 1830, he found a responsive people. Regular worship was thereafter maintained, and on October 20, 1830, a Methodist Episcopal Church was organized with fifteen members. About 1850 Mr. Glazier removed to Salem and opened a furniture store on Charter street which he and his son conducted for many years. He married Oct. 23, 1823, Mary, daughter of Capt. David and Mary (Collins) Smith of Salem and died June 10, 1894.

Rev. Jacob Sanborn, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ipswich, in 1830, naturally was interested in extending Methodism and upon his attention being called to the Topsfield opportunity he volunteered to hold preaching services here during the summer of 1830, which offer was gladly accepted, and in August he baptised thirteen people in the Ipswich River in the rear of Capt. Adams' barn, in the presence of a large company. Mr. Sanborn, the son of Deacon Abraham and Deborah Sanborn, who were Baptists, was born in Unity, New Hampshire, May 16, 1788. He joined the New England Conference in 1812 and was Presiding Elder on the New Hampshire District in 1818-1822. He died March 16, 1867.

THE PASTORAL SUCCESSION.

William Nanscawen	1830	Franklin G. Morris	1864-1866
Asa U. Swinerton	1830-1831	George E. Chapman	1866-1867
Robert D. Estabrook	1831-1832	William D. Bridge	1867-1869
Thomas Stetson	1832-1833	Stephen F. Chase	1869-1870
David Culver	1833-1834	James F. Mears	1870-1872
Benjamin King	1834	Samuel A. Fuller	1872-1873
Charles S. Macreading	1834	George W. Buzzell	1873-1875
Henry B. Skinner	1834-1836	William H. Meredith	1875-1877
John E. Risley	1836	Stephen L. Rodgers	1877-1879
Simon E. Pike	1836	George H. Clarke	1879-1882
George F. Pool	1836-1838	Albert C. Manson	1882-1883
George W. Bates	1838-1839	Nathaniel H. Martin	1883-1886
Chester Field, Jr.	1839-1840	James T. Docking	1886-1887
Leonard B. Griffin	1840-1841	Paul C. Curnick	1887-1889
Amos Walton	1841-1842	Theodore W. Haven	1889-1890
Ziba B. C. Dunham	1842-1843	Charles H. Fuller	1890-1892
Isaac J. P. Collyer	1843-1845	Samuel Reid	1892-1893
Moses P. Webster	1845-1846	Joseph Simpson	1893-1894
John Paulson	1846-1847	Lewis J. Reader	1894-1895
William R. Stone	1847-1849	John B. Gough	1895-1896
Kinsman Atkinson	1849-1851	I. Murray Mellish	1896-1900
John G. Cary	1851-1853	William N. Roberts	1900-1902
Augustus F. Bailey	1853-1854	Edwin C. Dixon	1902-1903
Jeremiah W. Bemis	1854	H. William Hook	1903-1905
Stephen G. Hiler, Jr.	1854-1855	Herbert S. Dow	1905-1907
John C. Smith	1855-1856	John G. Benson	1907-1909
Franklin Furber	1856-1857	Ottis Tevis Martin	1909-1911
Abraham M. Osgood	1857-1858	William H. McLean	1911
George Sutherland	1858-1860	William R. Ward	1911-1912
Joseph W. Lewis	1860-1861	George M. Boicourt	1912-1914
Abraham D. Merrill	1861-1863	Phillipp Deschner	1914-
Edwin S. Snow	1863-1864		

REV. WILLIAM NANSCAWEN.

He was a local preacher* and is entitled to the distinction of having been the first appointee of a Presiding Elder to this people which occurred in September, 1830, but as he served only a month, it is not surprising that he left no foot-prints of the sands of time which are now discernible. Perhaps it should added that failing health caused the brevity of his stay.

*By local preachers is meant one who has been hired to preach but without authority to administer the sacrament.

REV. ASA U. SWINERTON.

He finished the conference year of 1830. He was the son of John Swinerton, Jr., and Elizabeth (Upton) Swinerton, and was born in Danvers, October 30, 1801, and joined the New England Conference on trial in 1830. From the fact that the society was organized into a Methodist Episcopal Church within a month of his arrival (on October 20th) we may assume that his appointment was wise and that his service was efficient. He was Presiding Elder of the New London District, 1838-1840, and died at Monument (Sandwich, Mass.), October 12, 1863.

REV. ROBERT D. ESTERBROOK.

He was born in Barnstable, October 7, 1803, and was appointed to this charge in 1831. He was a person of deep religious conviction and of high spirituality and his ministry found pastor and people working shoulder to shoulder in the erection of a house of worship, an enterprise which was carried to a successful conclusion. The building (dedicated December 28, 1831) was located on the westerly side of the Newburyport Turnpike between Ipswich Street and the Old Ipswich Road. His death occurred November 4, 1852.

REV. THOMAS STETSON.

He was the son of Thomas and Lydia Drew (Hollis) Stetson and was born January 7, 1804, at Scituate, and died December 28, 1881, at East Pembroke. With his savings while a district schoolteacher he pursued his studies at Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, and in 1832 was admitted to the New England Conference. He was pastor of the church in 1832, and appears to have been an optimist amid discouraging surroundings, but his faithful service produced but little in the way of tangible results. He remained in the Conference but four years. He was six feet or more in stature, spare of flesh, with clear cut features; a strong intellectual face. He was a subscriber to Zion's Herald when it was first issued and it continued to come regularly to the Stetson home until the death of his widow in 1892.

REV. DAVID CULVER.

He was an evangelistic preacher, and was stationed here in 1833, and the pastorate met with a good measure of success. In 1840 he withdrew from the Conference and no further information concerning him is now obtainable. He was the first married pastor of the Topsfield Church.

REV. BENJAMIN KING.

He was a local preacher and supplied the church for a few weeks in 1834 and then was relieved from service at his own request. He was paid his travelling expenses, but received no compensation for his services.

REV. CHARLES S. MACREADING.

He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, February 3, 1811, and died in Plainfield, Illinois, April 12, 1866. He was a licensed preacher at the age of twenty years and admitted to the New England Conference in 1831 and was pastor at Topsfield in 1834 until November. He was a man of ability, but his intemperate speech about neutralized his excellent pastoral services. During the Civil War he was chaplain of the 39th Illinois Infantry.

REV. HENRY B. SKINNER.

Mr. Skinner was a local preacher who supplied the church from November, 1834 to July, 1835. He was the son of Elias and Sarah A. Skinner and was born at Taunton. He was admitted to this Conference in 1835, but in 1843, owing to continued ill health, he resigned. He was a preacher of power and many felt the touch of new life. For several years he was a broker in Boston, and committed suicide in Young's Hotel on July 2, 1888.

REV. JOHN EDWARD RISLEY.

He was pastor of the church from January to April, 1836. The son of George and Jerusha Risley, he was born at Greensboro, Vermont, March 27, 1802, and was a member

of the Conference from 1822 to 1841. He was a voluminous writer. The history of the churches he served in the Needham District, containing his experiences and personal estimate of the condition of these churches, is deposited with the Methodist Episcopal Historical Society, Boston. He died October 6, 1889, at Framingham.

REV. SIMON E. PIKE.

He was pastor from April to December, in 1836. He was admitted to the Conference in 1836 and spent his entire ministerial life in this charge. He was discontinued by the Conference in 1837.

REV. GEORGE FRANKLIN POOL.

He was pastor from December, 1836 to July, 1838. He was the son of James and Darkis (Mansfield) Pool, and was born in Lynn, February 18, 1811, and graduated from Brown University in 1833. He was admitted to the Conference in 1837, and, with the exception of the years 1842 and 1843 when he was principal of Kent Academy, East Greenwich, accepted regular appointments until 1850 and then located. He died November 6, 1886, at Lynn. During his pastorate in Topsfield many were brought into active Christian service.

REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON BATES.

Mr. Bates, the pastor in 1838, was the son of Rev. Lewis and Elizabeth (Webster) Bates and was born in Salisbury, October 16, 1811, graduated from the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, and died Sept. 24, 1851. He was a man of deep spiritual life, exceptional ability and original ideas, and his pastorate witnessed large accessions to the church. His son, Rev. George Hubert Bates, was born in Topsfield, May 3, 1839.

REV. CHESTER FIELD, JR.

Mr. Field, the pastor in 1839, was the son of Chester and Sophia Field, and was born in Deerfield, September 4, 1816

and died Nov. 24, 1864, at Newtonville. He was a man of executive ability and was the first pastor of the Saratoga Street (East Boston) M. E. Church. He had a fine voice, was ready and rich in prayer and instructive in discourse, simple and engaging in manner. A lover of good books, his library of more than 3,000 volumes was the largest of any traveling preacher in his day. An admirable conversationalist. During this pastorate the meeting house was moved from the Turnpike to the present Lake-Elliott land on Main street.

REV. LEONARD B. GRIFFIN.

He was the pastor in 1840 and during his pastorate many were stirred to live the Christian life, but he withdrew from the Conference in 1845 and no facts relative to his later career have been traced.

REV. AMOS WALTON.

He was the son of William and Sarah Walton, was born at Fitchburg, June 10, 1804, joined the Conference in 1842 and was expelled therefrom in 1851. He was the pastor at Topsfield in 1841. Everyone was impressed with his intense sincerity and convincing form of stating Christian truths. He was the first pastor of the Peabody (M. E.) church. During his residence in Topsfield he lived in the house on Main street now owned by E. Otis Gould. He died Oct. 10, 1892, at Lowell.

REV. ZIBA BASS CARY DUNHAM.

The pastor in 1842 was the son of Ezra and Polly (Cary) Dunham, and was born in Abington, January 19, 1813. In 1838 he was admitted to the Conference on trial and retained membership therein for 68 years. For 14 years he was connected with the American Peace Society and delivered the semi-centennial address before the Conference in 1888. He died January 21, 1906, at Winthrop.

He wrote a very strange article upon "The use of Tobacco" which he deposited with the Methodist Episcopal Historical

Society, with instructions that the envelope should not be opened until after his death. By an act of the Legislature in 1849 his name was changed to Howard Cary Dunham.

REV. ISAAC J. P. COLLYER.

The pastor in 1843 and 1844, was the son of William and Margaret Collyer, and was born in Seekonk, May 19, 1814. He died May 7, 1872, at Boston Highlands. He preached his first and last sermon at Boston Highlands. He was the first preacher to remain with the Topsfield church for two years. He had a passion for winning souls. A former associate has said:—"He was the greatest preacher I ever knew to present the law—the terrors of Divine condemnation on unrepentent sinners. I now distinctly recall two or three of these sermons which he delivered at Asbury Grove. Under the clearness, dignity, tenderness and effectiveness of his appeal all opposition gave way to tender and penitential feeling on the part of his hearers. He was a man of fine presence and among those who left the most abiding reputation as a preacher of great power."

During his first year in Topsfield he lived in the "Stone house" on Salem street (built in 1836 and taken down in 1885); his residence the second year was the house now owned by Mrs. Annah Balch Jordan. The latter house has also been the residence of Rev. John Emerson and Rev. Rodney Gove Dennis of the Congregational Church.

REV. MOSES P. WEBSTER.

The pastor in 1845 was the son of Joseph and Sophia Webster and was born in Sanford, Maine, July 11, 1810. In 1821 he joined the Maine Conference and in 1845 was transferred to the New England Conference and sent to Topsfield. He died April 28, 1891, in Leominster. This pastorate was conspicuous by reason of the apparent absence of aggressive Christian work.

REV. JOHN PAULSON.

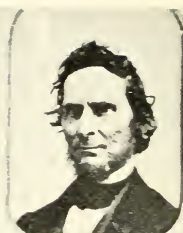
The pastor in 1846 was born in Canada in 1820. His



A.M. OSGOOD.



G. SUTHERLAND.



J.W. LEWIS.



A.D. MERRILL.



E.S. SNOW.



F.G. MORRIS.



GEO. E. CHAPMAN.



W.D. BRIDGE.



N.H. MARTIN.

education was received at the Wesleyan Academy and at the Biblical Institute of Concord, N. H. He joined the Conference in 1845 and in 1858 removed to Kansas. He was mustered into the military service of the United States as chaplain in the Eighth Regiment, Kansas Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at San Antonio, Texas, November 28, 1865. He was appointed Presiding Elder of the Fort Scott District in 1869; and in 1876 was the Prohibition candidate for Governor. He conducted a vigorous but unsuccessful campaign. In 1880 prohibition was carried in Kansas. He was for a number of years editor of "The New Century," a Prohibition publication. He died March 4, 1893.

REV. WILLIAM RODMAN STONE.

The pastor in 1847 and 1848, was the son of John and Elizabeth Stone and was born in Portsmouth, N. H., July 25, 1798, and was admitted to the conference in 1825, and died June 28, 1875, at Cambridgeport. He was City Missionary of Cambridge in 1854-1855, and chaplain of the House of Correction, Middlesex County, 1856-1870. While pastor at South Walpole he became greatly exercised for the future welfare of the church and the community and appointed a meeting at the parsonage—the old Polley Tavern—for anyone who was willing to come to it, not neglecting any other meeting, to pray for a revival of religion. The meeting was attended by one person beside the pastor and for a considerable time it had no more than two or three present. Afterwards it began to fill up and the pastor was obliged to remove the meeting to the church, where meetings were held every evening, with the result that the church experienced the greatest revival in its history and in which every official member save one, who was a sea captain and came in afterwards, was converted to God.

REV. KINSMAN ATKINSON.

The pastor in 1849 and 1850, was the son of Samuel and Sarah Atkinson, and was born at Buxton, Maine, October 16, 1807, and died Dec. 23, 1889, at Cambridge, Mass. He was

graduated from Harvard in 1834, and in 1838 was ordained to the Congregational ministry but having changed his views of church polity, he joined the Methodist Conference in 1843. He had supreme confidence in his own judgment and used all resources at his command to carry to successful completion all lines of work undertaken. He taught the Winter term of the Linebrook (Ipswich) school in 1848-9, the fall term of 1849 of the Topsfield Academy and also the North school, Topsfield, during the winter of 1849-50. He was regarded as a scholarly man and was very helpful in cultivating scholarly tastes among his pupils. The present parsonage is a monument to his untiring efforts for Mr. Atkinson purchased the lot on High street and had made substantial progress in the erection of the house at his own expense, before the church caught the spirit of co-operation and even then the flame of enthusiasm burned so slowly that the building was not completed during the pastorate. Prior to the erection of this parsonage, the ministers resided, with the exceptions before mentioned, in the Porter house on the Turnpike, built in 1808.

REV. JOHN G. CARY.

The pastor in 1851 and 1852, was the son of Phineas and Hannah (Trumbull) Cary, and was born at Worcester, September 20, 1817 and died May 11, 1904 at Boston. He received regular assignments in the Conference from 1849 to 1854. He was secretary of the Boston Wesleyan Association for 19 years, and for 20 years of the Asbury Camp Meeting Association, and for many years of the Preachers' Aid Society. He was an exceedingly conscientious and devoted man of God. Retiring from the ministry by reason of a throat affection, he engaged in the leather business in Boston for a number of years and met with unusual success. Before entering commercial life, it appears that he made a pledge that if he was ever worth a certain sum of money he would retire. He easily reached his goal, and true to his word, retired from business. Afterwards finding that his income was insufficient to give him adequate support, he re-entered his old firm, was again successful, and a few years

later permanently retired from active business. A large part of his estate was given to the Preachers' Aid Society of the Conference. He lived in the house now occupied by Dr. Jenkins, Billingsgate Hill road, until the parsonage on High street was ready for occupancy.

REV. AUGUSTUS FRANKLIN BAILEY.

The pastor in 1853, was the son of Col. Uriah and Julia (Gage) Bailey, and was born in West Newbury, October 12, 1819. While a law student he joined the Congregational Church, but upon deciding to enter the ministry his views of church polity changed, and he cast his lot with the Methodists, and was admitted to Conference in 1850 and received appointments till 1868, when he was transferred to the Troy Conference, where he remained for seventeen years. In 1862 he engaged in a notable debate with Rev. Geo. M. Steele before the Preachers' Meeting in Boston on the "Pre-millennial coming of Christ." He was the first preacher appointed by Conference to the Ballardvale (M. E.) Church. He was a man of attractive presence, of rather ready wit and a man of positive convictions. He possessed a comfortable estate and passed an agreeable old age in Bradford, Mass., where he died May 22, 1895.

REV. JEREMIAH W. BEMIS.

The pastor from May to September, 1854, was born in Weathersfield, Vermont, November 28, 1819. For a number of years he was a teacher in the Springfield Wesleyan Seminary. In 1846 he was received on trial in the Vermont Annual Conference and in 1854 was transferred to this Conference and was sent to Topsfield, which was his only pastorate in Massachusetts, as he returned to Vermont the following year. For about 8 years he was agent and corresponding secretary of the Vermont Bible Society. He died, April 21, 1894, in Northfield, Vermont. The noteworthy event of this pastorate was the dedication (June 14, 1854) of the present church edifice.

REV. STEPHEN G. HILER, JR.

The pastor from December, 1854, to April, 1855, was the son of Stephen G. and Rebecca (Perry) Hiler, and was born in Boston, in 1815. He was admitted to the New England Conference in 1839, and was the first pastor of the North Andover (M. E.) Church. He was a man of very genial manners and died December 9, 1897, in Malden. While in Topsfield he lived in the Elmore Johnson house on Boston street.

REV. JOHN C. SMITH

The pastor in 1855, was the son of Harry and Maria Smith, and was born in St. Albans, Ohio, June 4, 1826. He joined the Conference in 1848 and filled many of its important pulpits. He displayed far larger financial abilities than capacity for spiritual leadership. He died, April 18, 1890, at West Medway.

REV. FRANKLIN FURBER.

The pastor in 1856, was the son of David and Sally (Haley) Furber, and was born in Northwood, New Hampshire, November 11, 1816. He joined the New Hampshire Conference in 1840 and served ten charges and was admitted to the New England Conference in 1850, and received nineteen appointments here. He acquired a handsome property, and was of material assistance to young preachers of promise. A man to be respected, honored, and trusted. He died February 28, 1903, at Milton.

REV. ABRAHAM M. OSGOOD.

The pastor in 1857 was a son of Capt. Isaac and Betsey (Ham) Osgood and was born at Epping, N. H., May 29, 1813. He was admitted to the N. H. Conference in 1839, and later to the N. E. Conference. He was in the active ministry but a few years as his health failed him at the age of 22 years. He was drowned at Stonington, Conn., Feb. 8, 1878, and the funeral was held in the M. E. Church in Marblehead where his son was then living. He had all the

enthusiasm and earnestness of the old-time preacher and after pastor and people became adjusted to each other a season of in gathering followed.

REV. GEORGE SUTHERLAND.

The pastor in 1858 and 1859 was a son of George and Macrelia (Byron) Sutherland and was born in Boston, July 16, 1806, and died July 31, 1891, at Chelsea. He was received on probation in the Conference in 1825, but in 1832 by reason of impaired health he was compelled to take a superannuary relation and in 1836 he engaged in business in Boston. In 1855 he was re-admitted to Conference and received appointments till 1874 when he became a supernumery and in 1888 was superannuated. He was the first pastor of the Bellingham (M. E.) Church, Chelsea. His pastorate in Topsfield stands out with clearness by reason of his success in freeing the church from an indebtedness of about \$3,300. It should be borne in mind that the meeting house was being advertised for sale at public auction to satisfy debts long overdue when Mr. Sutherland received the appointment, but when informed of the desperate financial condition, he immediately called a meeting of the Board of Trustees to devise ways and means of saving the property. At this meeting the Board admitted their inability to cope with the situation and thereupon the pastor, single handed, secured a postponement of the sale and by a house to house canvass raised the sum required to cancel the indebtedness. His dismissal of the choir at the close of his final church service astonished and embarrassed even his closest friends.

REV. JOSEPH WHITMORE LEWIS.

The pastor in 1860 was the son of Timothy and Sally Wait (Whitmore) Lewis and the eldest of nine children. He was born in Royalston, Mass., June 23, 1812. He was received on trial in the Conference in 1835 and is generally credited with preaching the first Methodist sermon in Clinton. He died in Clinton, January 17, 1889.

REV. ABRAHAM DOW MERRILL.

The pastor from 1861 to November, 1862 was a son of Major Joshua and Mehitabel (Dow) Merrill, and was born in Salem, N. H., March 7, 1796. In 1822 he was received on trial in the Conference. He was the first pastor of the Epworth (formerly the North Avenue) M. E. Church in Cambridge. On December 25, 1866, he preached the first Methodist sermon ever heard in East Pepperell.

"I now recall having made him an early morning call while he was stationed at the Bellingham Church, Chelsea. Upon making known my business to Mrs. Merrill, I was informed 'That Mr. Merrill is engaged in private prayer and I never disturb him upon these occasions.' I suspected as much. More than a block away upon approaching the parsonage I heard his voice. My first thought was that he was reading aloud and then that he was addressing a large congregation. I afterward learned that it was the hour of his customary private devotions. He had more language of church experimental sweetness and richness of expression than any minister of my acquaintance. He basked in the sunlight of Heaven."

A bust of Father Merrill occupies a conspicuous place in the rooms of the M. E. Historical Society in the Wesleyan Building, Boston. He died April 29, 1878, in Dorchester.

REV. EDWIN SMITH SNOW.

The pastor from November, 1862, and in 1863, was born in Eastford, Conn., December 26, 1832. He was graduated from the Wesleyan University in 1858 and taught school in Palmer, Mass., from 1859 to 1862. He joined the Conference in 1863 and received appointments therefrom until 1869 when failing health compelled him to request a supernumery relation and he removed to Eldorado, Kansas, where he died May 21, 1874. He was modest and quiet and of abilities that with greater self confidence would have made a far wider impression.

REV. FRANKLIN G. MORRIS.

The pastor in 1864 and 1865 was the son of John and Eliza (Carter) Morris and was born at East Salisbury, Mass., in 1841. He joined the Conference in 1865 and located in 1882. He was a man of greater business than pastoral faculty and was drawn into business at a comparatively early period in life. He was the official court stenographer for Hampden County from February 11, 1889, to April 10, 1909, when he resigned. He is now a photographer in Northampton. August 26, 1869, he was married to Georgie A., daughter of George H. and Olive G. Waterhouse of Topsfield.

REV. GEORGE E. CHAPMAN.

The pastor in 1866 was the son of James L. and Susan M. (Emmons) Chapman and was born in Sing Sing, New York, in 1811, and died at Gardner, Mass., November 1, 1894. He joined the New England Conference in 1850 and was superannuated in 1880. He was not a man of large gifts or liberal education but was eminently sweet-tempered and deeply devoted to his work

REV. WILLIAM DAWSON BRIDGE.

The pastor in 1867 and 1868 was son of Rev. Jonathan D. and Abigail L. Bridge and was born in Duxbury, February 23, 1840. He joined the Conference in 1863 and retired from the active ministry in 1901. He was the official stenographer of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1880 and 1888, and chief of the reportorial staff from 1892 to 1908. He was Conference necrologist, 1867-1887, and assistant secretary of the Conference for twelve years.

When Mr. Bridge arrived in Topsfield he found the society in a period of struggle and uncertainty, but soon the church began to show life and commencing with January first, meetings were held for one hundred consecutive evenings, the pastor being assisted by Mother Holway and his own mother. Eighty-five persons joined the church on probation and during the pastorate forty-six of this number were received into

full membership. This is the largest revival in the history of the church. But I have mentioned only the spiritual side of the work, yet the material gains were equally astonishing.

The 50th anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Bridge was observed in Miller Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Orange, New Jersey, on Thanksgiving eve, 1913, by nearly 300 relatives and friends.

REV. STEPHEN FREEMAN CHASE.

The pastor in 1869 was born in Unity, Maine, September 13, 1825. He joined the East Maine Conference in 1859 and in 1867 was transferred to the N. E. Conference and stationed at the Lafayette M. E. Church, Salem. Upon recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia he suggested to the Conference that he receive a small charge and accordingly was assigned to Topsfield. At the close of this pastorate he retired from the active ministry and took up the study and practice of dentistry and for eleven years practiced in Salem. But the work of the ministry had never lost its charm for him and he gladly went back to the pulpit at not over $\frac{1}{4}$ th the income his practice had given him. At the end of two years his wife's health was such as to forbid continuance in the Methodist itinerancy and he returned to dental practice. He opened an office in Boston but at the request of many citizens of Newtonville, he transferred his practice to that place, where he has conducted a successful business ever since. In 1860 he married Ellen M. Doe of Augusta, Maine, and of their five children, Herbert M., was born in Topsfield, July 11, 1869.

REV. JAMES F. MEARS

The pastor in 1870 and 1871 was born in Bristol, Maine, September 6, 1837 and graduated from Boston University School of Theology in 1870 and was received as a probationer in the Conference the same year. He received regular assignments until 1902 when he superannuated and took up a residence at Saugus. His preaching was original, Methodist and spiritual. He died July 20, 1913, at Saugus.



REV. GEO. W. BATES. REV. JOHN G. CARY. REV. PAUL C. CURNICK.
 REV. STEPHEN L. RODGERS REV. JAS. T. DOCKING REV. STEPHEN G. HILER.
 REV. CHAS. H. FULLER. REV. SAMUEL REID. REV. JOHN B. GOUGH.

REV. SAMUEL ALEXANDER FULLER.

The pastor in 1872 and 1873 was son of Samuel and Nancy (Coombs) Fuller (Episcopalians) and was born in Boston, July 10, 1825, and died July 28, 1902, at Watertown. He was an artist of reputation, having painted the portraits of Henry Clay, Gov. Henry A. Wise and other prominent men of Virginia, and the portrait of former Gov. John D. Long in the State House bears his name. For a number of years he had a studio at 150 Tremont St., Boston.

In early life he was an agnostic if not an atheist, but one day dropping into a Methodist prayer meeting he became so impressed with the gospel message that he not only changed his religious views but resolved to enter the ministry, notwithstanding the financial consequences attending the decision.

He was a most enthusiastic and useful pastor particularly in evangelistic work and labored diligently and faithfully in the ministry for twenty-three years (Topsfield being his last charge). Upon retiring from the active ministry he founded churches in West Hampstead and other New Hampshire towns. During the Civil War he was chaplain of the 1st Maine Cavalry.

REV. GEORGE WESLEY BUZZELL.

The pastor in 1873 and 1874 was the son of Alexander and Nancy (Witherell) Buzzell and was born in a log house in Benton, Maine, the ninth in a family of twelve children. For several years he was a school teacher but in 1870 he entered the Methodist ministry, supplying the towns of Warren and Cushing, Maine. He graduated from Boston University School of Theology in 1875 and in 1877 joined the New Hampshire Conference and served a number of charges. But it is as the founder of the Good Will Institute (incorporated in 1904) that Mr. Buzzell is best known to the present generation. In 1898 he entered the City of Nashua, New Hampshire, to undertake mission and institutional work. The great need was not only a call but a pledge of success. In 1912 a new building for its use costing about \$7,000, was dedicated. The work of the Institute has been attended with

a measure of prosperity far out of proportion to its apparent resources and elements of success.

REV. WILLIAM H. MEREDITH.

The pastor in 1875 and 1876 was born in Bristol, England, March 28, 1844. Upon coming to America in 1870 he accepted a charge in Gorham, New Hampshire. He joined the New England Conference in 1872 and died July 14, 1911, in Saxonville (Framingham), Mass.

He never lost interest in the Wesleyan Church of England which was revived by two or more visits to the old country, his English home having been at Bristol where Rev. John Wesley began his great work. He wrote sketches of English and American Methodist Churches for many magazines and newspapers which were noted for their great excellence. He was recognized as a distinguished historian and an authority in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the library donated to Boston University School of Theology by his family was one of the finest collections of original editions of Wesley's works to be found in this country. Unsought he received two literary degrees. He was a lecturer in Boston University in 1906.

The interest taken in his special services while in Topsfield was most encouraging and he extended the right hand of fellowship to twenty-nine new members during the pastorate.

REV. STEPHEN LOUIS RODGERS.

The pastor in 1877 and 1878 was born in London, England. He came to this country during the Civil War and was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1871, and subsequently received the appointment as Presiding Elder. He was for a time agent of the Freedman's Aid Society, and in 1874 upon entering the New England Conference expressed a willingness to take any appointment offered. He died on February 29, 1892, while filling a second appointment at Feeding Hills (Agawam), Mass.

While pastor of the Topsfield church he wrote several caustic criticisms of the local public library which appeared

in the Essex County Mercury and brought forth stinging replies from Mr. Gilbert B. Balch.

REV. GEORGE H. CLARKE.

The pastor from 1879 to 1882 was son of John Adams and Dorinda (Scammell) Clarke and was born in Milford, October 29, 1850. He joined the Conference in 1878 and received appointments down to 1913, when he took a supernumerary relation. He has always been prominent in the Conference and has been its treasurer since 1903.

During this the first three year pastorate of the church the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the meeting house (June 14, 1879) and the semi centennial of the organization of the church (commencing October 19, 1880 and continuing for a week) were observed with elaborate and highly attractive programs. His five-minute children's sermons following the morning prayer received much favorable comment. Extensive improvements were made in the vestry and the organ was moved from the gallery to the right of the pulpit in the audience room and 55 books were added to the Sunday school library. He prepared a comprehensive history of the church, a copy of which is entered in the church records and is, so far as known, the earliest permanent record of the important church events now available. Beginning December 14, 1881, Mr. Clarke published "The Topsfield Herald" an eight-page paper which appeared on alternate Fridays until April 7, 1882. Of their children, George C. and Lizzie R. were born in this town. His ministry closed with the church free from debt and with the conviction in the minds of the people that he was modest, not self-assertive and conscientious to the last degree. He is now living in Sudbury, Mass.

REV. ALBERT CHARLES MANSON.

The pastor in 1882 was born in Limerick, Maine, March 12, 1809 and died January 2, 1886, in Suncook, N. H. He joined the New Hampshire Conference in 1845 and was Presiding Elder of the Claremont District, 1856-1859, and of the Dover District, 1863-1866. He was transferred to the New England Conference in 1872 and located in 1885. He was

a wise administrator and was kind and sympathetic and faithful in all departments of his work. He was a good preacher but particularly of the older style of preaching and was a man of more than ordinary influence in the ministry.

REV. NATHANIEL HARRINGTON MARTIN.

The pastor from 1883 to 1886, was born in Dorchester, N. H., in August, 1827. He was a graduate of the Concord Biblical Institute and in 1855 joined this Conference and continued in the active ministry until 1895. He delivered the Memorial Day address in Topsfield in 1884. He died at Marlboro, June 29, 1908.

He was kindness itself and an admirable pastor, having deepest sympathy with everybody in distress and would do anything in his power to serve another.

REV. JAMES TIPPET DOCKING, PH. D.

The pastor in 1886 was son of Thomas and Mary (Tippet) Docking, and born in Cornwall, England, January 29, 1861. He was a founder of the Epworth League of the Methodist Church and is widely known as an author, editor and lecturer. He was president of Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, 1904 1909, and since August 17, 1909, has been president of Rust University, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

His pastorate in Topsfield was marked by an awakening of religious interest. At a reception held at the parsonage on May 14, 1887, he was presented with a gold watch by an appreciative people.

REV. PAUL CLARENCE CURNICK.

The pastor in 1887 and 1888 was son of Samuel and Carrie Curnick and was born at Evansville, Indiana. He studied law under private tutors for some time and when about to take the examinations for admission to the bar, decided to enter the ministry. He graduated from the Boston University School of Theology in 1889. He has filled many of the leading pulpits of the Cincinnati Conference, including the celebrated St. Paul's Church of Cincinnati. He is a District



REV. JOHN PAULSON. REV. JOHN C. SMITH. REV. STEPHEN F. CHASE.
 REV. JAMES F. MEARS. REV. WM. H. MEREDITH. REV. GEO. H. CLARKE.
 REV. JOSEPH SIMPSON. REV. OTTIS T. MARTIN. REV. PHILLIPP DESCHNER.

Superintendent in the Northwest Indiana Conference and is stationed over the First Church, Terre Haute.

During the second year of his pastorate in Topsfield thirty names were added to the membership and about \$600 was expended upon the meeting house in rebuilding the tower and spire, installing inside blinds and in general repairs.

REV. THEODORE WOODRUFF HAVEN, PH. D.

The pastor in 1889 was son of Bishop Erastus Otis and Mary Frances (Coles) Haven and was born in Malden, March 1, 1862. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1881 and from Boston University School of Theology in 1884. He was married (1) to Susan Choate Gould of Topsfield, who died at Montezuma, N. Y., July 23, 1908; and (2) to Lizzie S. Weston of Port Byron, N. Y. While pastor of a Unitarian Church, Portland, Oregon, he wrote an essay, "The History of Doubt" in which the great doubters of evangelical interpretation of truth were discussed. When he applied for admission to the Methodist Episcopal Conference, he was told that he must distinctly and unequivocally answer certain important questions and first and chiefest was "Do you believe in the supreme Deity of Jesus Christ and in the doctrine of atonement as expressed by the evangelical churches?" "If you can give me an unqualified, yes, I shall be happy to use my utmost influence to bring you back into the church of your father; otherwise it would be absolutely futile for you to attempt to enter the ministry of our church," And the Presiding Elder further states that he never heard from him afterward. Notwithstanding this frank statement Dr. Haven found an abundant entrance into the ministry of the (M. E.) church, but in a Conference outside the jurisdiction of this Presiding Elder. His present appointment is at Patterson, in the Poughkeepsie District of the New York Conference.

REV. CHARLES H. FULLER.

The pastor in 1890 and 1891 was son of Frederick J. and Sarah M. (Hall) Fuller and was born August 9, 1863, in

Quincy. He joined the East Maine Conference in 1887 and continued as a minister and member of the Methodist denomination until 1894 when he withdrew, "owing to what I (he) considered more practical views of the unity of the church." He now resides in West Quincy.

During this pastorate a manual of the church was published.

REV. SAMUEL REID.

The pastor from 1892 to Sept., 1893 came from New Harmony, Indiana, to Boston University School of Theology and graduated therefrom in 1894, and upon the termination of this pastorate accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Manchester-by-the-Sea. He is now pastor of a small church in Carlisle, Indiana.

REV. JOSEPH SIMPSON.

The pastor from Oct., 1893, to Oct., 1894 was son of Joseph and Jane (Clark) Simpson and was born in Annfield Plain, England, February 12, 1870. He remained in the ministry but a few years and then took up the study of medicine, graduating from Tufts Medical School in 1899. He located in Essex and has built up a large practice. He was the first of a line of Boston University students who have acted as supply-pastors of this church.

REV. LEWIS JOHN READER.

The pastor from December, 1894, to April, 1895 was born September 22, 1859, in West Jefferson, Ohio. In 1893 he graduated in the classical course of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and in September of the same year he entered Boston University School of Theology and was graduated in 1896. In 1899 he was appointed a teacher in Jquique College, Chile, South America, and shortly after his arrival on the field was named as supply of the English Church and Seamen's Bethel in the Bay of Jquique, and a year later performed the same double service at Concipsion College.

February 25, 1901, at Concipsion College he was married

by Bishop Charles Cardwell McCabe, D. D., LL. D., to Marian A. Milks, who for ten years previous was main room teacher in the Girls' College, Concipcion. In May, 1902, they visited the United States and received appointments from the North Ohio Conference until July, 1904, when they returned to South America and labored among the coal miners of southern Chile for two years. In March, 1907, they were sent to Punta Arenas, and Mr. Reader was placed in charge of the new district of Magallanes—"the mission farthest South of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

During his stay in Topsfield the Church took an added interest in missions and its benevolences were greatly improved. His present post office address is Casilla 250, Punta Arenas, Chile, South America.

REV. JOHN BILTON GOUGH.

The pastor from September, 1895, to April, 1896 was born in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, in 1868. About the age of sixteen he became positive in his decision for the Christian life and service and two years later was appointed to a circuit in the New Brunswick Conference. After the usual routine of years in preaching, conference study and attendance at Mt. Allison University, he was ordained as a minister in full connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada. He was granted leave of Conference for attendance at Boston University School of Theology and was graduated with the class of 1895. He afterwards returned to his Conference in Eastern Canada where he has since been in active ministerial work. He was married in 1898 and has a family of two daughters. Mr. Gough is at present pastor in Jacksonville, N. B., and if he specializes on any work in the church it is with the Sunday School, having been for the past eight years chairman or secretary of the Annual Conference Committee on Sunday Schools, and for the last four years has represented his conference on the General Conference Sunday School and Epworth League Board.

REV. I. MURRAY MELLISH.

The pastor from 1896 to 1899 was the second son of James

Lewis and Margaret Sophia (Murray) Mellish and was born at Pownal Bay, Prince Edward Island. He came to Massachusetts in 1873 and for four years was a Sunday School teacher and lay preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1877 he joined the Nova Scotia Conference but returned to Massachusetts in 1893 and founded the Glendale Mission, Everett, and finally established it as a church. During his four-year pastorate at Topsfield he was successful in greatly enlarging the church interests in all departments, and the sum of \$972 (the first subscription was solicited in November, 1898) was expended upon the church building. Upon the re-opening of the church on Sunday, May 21, 1899, the attendance at the three services (the Epworth League conducting the afternoon meeting) was the largest in recent years. Rev. George H. Perkins a favorite son of Topsfield and a convert of the church in 1868, delivered the sermon at the morning service and Mrs. Jeanie McMeekin Mason gave the principal address in the evening. As a pioneer worker Mr. Mellish has an established reputation. He has been much in the lecture field; his subjects including "The Persian Empire" and "The Hand of God in History." Of his five talented daughters, three married Topsfield young men. His present address is Lynnfield Centre, Mass.

REV. WILLIAM NESBIT ROBERTS.

The pastor in 1900 and 1901, was born in Wintersville, Ohio, December 22, 1867 and was graduated from the Boston University School of Theology in 1901. August 2, 1900, he married Elizabeth Welday Warren of Steubenville, Ohio, and they began housekeeping in the parsonage at Topsfield. Since 1902 he has served charges in the Central Ohio Conference.

REV. EDWIN CHURCH DIXON.

The pastor in 1902 was born at Kilbourn, Wisconsin, February 6, 1868. He was graduated from Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., in 1888, and from Boston University School of Theology in 1893. In the fall of 1901 he entered Boston University for post-graduate work in philosophy with



REV. I. MURRAY MELLISH. REV. WM. H. MCLEAN. REV. WM. N. ROBERTS.
 REV. GEO. W. BUZZELL. REV. JOHN G. BENSON. REV. GEO. M. BOICOURT.
 REV. H. WILLIAM HOOK. REV. EDWIN C. DIXON.

Dr. Bowne, and returned to Wisconsin in April, 1903 where he accepted Conference appointments till 1909, when he was appointed Superintendent of the Madison District of the West Wisconsin Conference. He is secretary of the Wisconsin Federation of Churches and Christian Workers. He represented his Conference at the General Conference held in Baltimore in 1908, and was elected at the head of his delegation to the General Conference held at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1912.

He was instrumental in the organization on June 2, 1902, of the local chapter of the Epworth League No. 18,189.

From an official paper we take the following: "The pastor has made numerous pastoral calls, largely at the homes of persons never seen at Church either before or after the call." In July, 1902, an organ was installed in the auditorium of the church which continued in service until December, 1913. In June, 1914, the instrument was sold to Kenneth Crosby DeLara of Danvers.

REV. HIRAM WILLIAM HOOK.

The pastor in 1903 and 1904 was son of William H. and Mary (Kellock) Hook and was born in Barclay, Pa., in 1875, and graduated from Boston University School of Theology in 1904. During his pastorate the vestry was remodeled at an expense of \$350, and on October 20, 1904, the Daughters of Industry was organized. He is the present pastor of the Grace (M. E.) church, Cambridge.

REV. HERBERT SMITH DOW.

The pastor in 1905 and 1906 was son of Smith G. and Ann C. (Beckford) Dow and was born in Milford, February 18, 1866. He was for some years engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, acting as assistant secretary in Boston, and as secretary at Newton, Mass., and at Wilmington, Delaware. "He is an earnest and faithful minister of the gospel and has been very successful in bringing back the spiritual tone of his charges."

His pastorate may well be remembered in Topsfield for the organization of the "Home Department" of the Sunday School and for the many attractive and popular "people's

services" held. In July, 1913, he exchanged Conference appointments with Rev. I. F. Lusk of Gardiner, Maine.

REV. JOHN GEORGE BENSON.

The pastor from 1907 to July 15, 1909 was son of Ephraim B. and Amy Jane Benson and was born in Richmond, Indiana, February 1, 1881, and was graduated from De Pauw University in 1906 and from the Boston University School of Theology in 1909. While leader of this church he showed an extraordinary knowledge of human nature and spoke his mind fully with a cheerful disregard of anybody's feelings and never failed of an attentive congregation. His methods were unique. He is now located in Brazil, Indiana.

REV. OTTIS TEVIS MARTIN.

The pastor from August, 1909, to April 10, 1911 was son of Ralph and Emeline (Tevie) Martin, and was born July 3, 1880, at Adams, Indiana. His education was obtained at McCordsville High School, the State Normal School at Terre Haute and De Pauw University, and his professional course was taken at Boston University School of Theology (two years) and Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, graduating from the latter institution in 1913. He was licensed to preach by the N. W. Nebraska Conference, September 22, 1906, and his first pastorate was at Crawford, Neb. In the fall of 1907 he returned to Indiana and was assigned by the N. W. Indiana Conference to Yountsville and to Waynetown in 1908.

At his farewell reception in Topsfield, held April 6, 1911, people of all creeds and of no creed were present to honor the efficient pastor, and he was presented with a purse of upwards of \$30. March 3, 1911, Margaret Naomi Martin was born at the parsonage. In April, 1911, he accepted an assignment to Mentone, Indiana, his present charge.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY McLEAN.

The pastor from April 16, to September, 1911, was son of James C. and Anna M. (Downs) McLean, and was born in

Paris, Illinois, and was graduated from De Pauw University. He had a pleasing personality, was strong in argument, was a forceful speaker and a man of great promise. He graduated from the Boston University School of Theology in 1914, and is pastor of the Highland (M. E.) Church, Lowell.

REV. WILLIAM RALPH WARD.

The pastor from October, 1911, to March 18, 1912, was son of William P. and Mary M. (Winborough) Ward and was born in Moundville, Missouri, January 9, 1884, and was graduated from Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, 1906, and from Boston University School of Theology, 1912. During the year 1906-1907 he taught a Mission School in Pachucha, Mexico. In 1908 and 1909 he was pastor of the Congregational Church, Franci-town, N. H., and principal of the High School, Plainville, Mass., in 1910 and a portion of 1911. Throughout his pastorate in Topsfield special stress was laid upon the Sunday School interests.

REV. GEORGE MALLALIEU BOICOURT.

The pastor from March 23, 1912, to March 23, 1914, was a son of Rev. James and Sarah (Smith) Boicourt, and was born at Gaylord, Kansas, May 5, 1884. He was graduated from Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, and Boston University School of Theology (1914). He was a deeper thinker and stronger preacher than many of his predecessors and his statement of the fundamental principles of religion awakened considerable interest. The material blessings of this pastorate included the installation of a new Estey organ which was fully paid for in a ten days' campaign. The instrument was dedicated December 14, 1913. Frank W. Ward acting for the organ committee and Horace Ray representing the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Boicourt's present field of labor is Pleasanton, Kansas.

REV. PHILLIPP DESCHNER.

The present pastor is the third child of Phillipp and Eva (Hall) Deschner and was born at Mramarack, Hungary,

April 18, 1885. In 1894 the family emigrated to America and settled in Texas. While a student in Blinn Memorial College, Brenham, Texas, he was appointed a Conference missionary and traveled throughout the state establishing churches. In 1909 he attended Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton, Mo., and during the first two years of the course he served a charge and the third year was elected captain of the first gospel team of the college (under the supervision of the Y. M. C. A.). He graduated in the philosophical course in 1912, and in the fall of the same year entered the Boston University School of Theology. He was appointed pastor of this church in April, 1914.

SAMUEL SEWALL'S DIARY.

EXTRACTS RELATING TO TOPSFIELD, MASS.

The Sewall diary is printed in the Historical Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 5th series, vols. V, VI, VII. In a letter to his son, written in 1720, Judge Sewall writes:—"My Father sent for my Mother to come to him in New England. . . . Went by water to Graves End where the Ship lay, the Prudent Mary, Capt. Isaac Woodgreen, Commander. . . . Passengers in the Ship at the same time were . . . Mr. Gilbert and his wife. He was Minister at Topsfield".

"Aug. 5, 1686. . . . One Jn^o Gold, Chief Commander of the Military Company at Topsfield, is sent to Prison for Treasonable words spoken about the change of Government, is to be tryed this day fortnight. Council said he was not bailable."

"May 23, 1707. . . . "Ride to Topsfield [from Byfield], to visit Mr. Capen who is very glad to see me."

It also should also be remembered that Judge Sewall was one of the judges who presided at the witchcraft trials in 1692 which resulted in the execution of several women of Topsfield residence or ancestry.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1913.

BIRTHS.

1912.

- Feb. 26. Daniel Francis, son of Daniel O. and Mary A. (Regan) Peterson.
March 13. Spencer Linwood, son of Ralph E. and Inez (Wheeler) Newell.
Sept. 6. Charles Samuel, son of Charles S. and Charlotte L. (Ahrenhold) Smith.

1913.

- Jan. 4. Barbara Kingsbury, dau. of Franklin and Helen King (Smith) Balch.
Jan. 4. Luigi, son of Antonio and Philomena Santo (Nicola) Scoglio.
Jan. 30. Catherine Frances, dau. of Manuel F. and Josephine (McDougall) Castle.
Feb. 2. John Wentworth, son of Thomas W. and Gabriella M. (Dexter) Peirce.
Feb. 12. Evelyn Margaret, dau. of Harland S. and Maud (Fuller) Pierce.
Mar. 5. Joseph, son of Thomas and Mary A. (Spiritoliozzi) Longo.
Mar. 29. Mary, dau. of Michael E. and Delia A. (Garrity) McGauley.
April 3. Antonio, son of Alphonse and Aralzia (Paglia) Roberto.
April 16. Perley, son of Isaiah A. and Emma E. (Neves) Swindell.
July 18. Mary Havey, dau. of Ralph and Agnes (Havey) Thomas.
July 21. Oliver Alden, son of Oliver and Susie May (Alden) Thayer.
July 25. — son of Eben A. and Eva O. (Harris) Peabody.
Aug. 14. Ruth Viola, dau. of Wesley F. and Alice L. (Mittton) Ewell.
Aug. 23. Mary Joselyn, dau. of Ernest H. and Marion W. (Peirce) Pentecost.
Sept. 9. Joseph and Florence (twins) of Thomas A. and Annie V. (O'Donnell) Pierce.
Oct. 16. William Francis, son of James F. and Annie T. (McGoff) McGregor.
Dec. 3. Frank Orville, son of Fred A. and Ida G. (Towne) Greenwood.
Dec. 11. Joseph Walker, son of John and Margaret (McLellan) McQuade.
Dec. 11. Winfield Horace, son of Harry W. and Elsie (Tarbox) Perkins.

MARRIAGES.

1912.		
Feb.	12.	{ Fred A. Greenwood, (Topsfield), son of Orville S. and Cora L. (Prescott) Greenwood. Ida G. Towne (Topsfield), dau. of Frank H. and Mary B. (Richardson) Towne.
Feb.	12.	{ James F. Morissey (Topsfield), son of James and Nellie A. (Thomas) Morissey. Mildred E. Towne (Topsfield), dau. of Frank H. and Mary B. (Richardson) Towne.
May.	24.	{ Harry T. Fletcher, Jr., (Topsfield), son of Harry T. and Elizabeth B. (Howe), Fletcher. Florence H. Titus (Topsfield), dau. of Frank and Ada M. (Porter), Titus.
Aug.	28.	{ Roy Ethridge (Topsfield), son of Donald and Annie (Ross) Ethridge. Katie G. Scott (Topsfield), dau. of James and Catherine (Waugh) Scott.
Oct.	12.	{ Raymond S. Roberts (Topsfield), son of Henry H. and Catherine J. (Chisholm) Roberts. Maude A. Robinson (Topsfield), dau. of Charles G. and Annie H. (Heath) Robinson.
Oct.	15.	{ Arthur A. Spaulding (Topsfield), son of William W. and Sarah E. (Hitchings) Spaulding Ethel H. Buck (Boxford), dau. of Robert W. and Edith L. (Phillips) Buck.
Nov.	27.	{ Arthur L. Bartlett (Lynn), son of Fred and Georgia (Arris) Bartlett. Wenona S. Philbrick (Lynn), dau. of Fred E. and Evie J. (Spaulding) Philbrick.
Dec.	23.	{ Leo V. Harris (Durham, N. H.), son of John O. and Sally (Hall) Harris. Mary Pingree (Topsfield), dau. of William H. L. and Margaret (Bryant) Pingree.

DEATHS.

1913.		
Feb.	2.	Elizabeth G., widow of Charles Winslow and dau. of Zacheus and Ann (Hood) Gould, aged 80 yrs., 6 mos., 25 days.
—		Edward C. Roaf, unknown, drowned in Ipswich River, aged about 55 yrs.
April	16.	Roderick B., son of Isaac B. and A. Maria (Manning) Young, aged 50 yrs., 7 mos., 8 dys.
May	16.	Annie R., wife of Charles J. Peabody and dau. of Richard and Mary (Jacobs) Smith, aged 70 yrs., 2 mos., 15 dys.
June	10.	Walter G., son of Calvin L., and Elizabeth P. (Pierce) Smith, aged 57 yrs., 8 mos., 5 dys.

July	15.	John H., son of Benjamin B. and Esther (Peabody) Towne, aged 72 yrs., 5 mos., 13 dys.
July	19.	Alford W., son of James C. and Agnes (Medlicott) Cooley, aged 40 yrs., 3 mos., 10 dys.
July	25.	Alden, son of Eben A. and Eva O. (Harris) Peabody.
July	28.	Mary B., wife of James Walsh and dau. of Thomas and Mary (Murher) Brennock, aged 50 yrs.
Aug.	2.	Edward E., son of William and Hannah (Smith) Gunnison, aged 76 yrs., 3 mos., 26 dys.
Aug.	6.	Mehitable, dau. of Samuel C. and Lydia (Gould) Todd, aged 85 yrs., 5 mos., 19 dys.
Aug.	7.	Mary C., wife of Albert A. Conant and dau. of Albert G., and Sarah E. (Cutts) Lane, aged 77 yrs., 5 mos., 17 dys.
Aug.	31.	Hannah F., widow of James Cass and dau. of Burton and Hannah (Lake) Tyler, aged 62 yrs., 4 mos., 14 dys.
Sept.	3.	Edwin S., son of Samuel and Rachel (Averill) Clifford, aged 74 yrs. 4 mos., 14 dys.
Sept.	27.	Sarah E., wife of Horace Ray and dau. of Sewell and Mary (Severence) Towne, aged 61 yrs., 8 mos., 29 dys.
Oct.	2.	Joseph, son of Thomas A. and Annie V. (O'Donnell) Pierce, aged 24 dys.
Oct.	16.	Augustus W., son of Willard and Mary (Gould) Smith aged 84 yrs. 8 mos., 11 dys.
Oct.	17.	William F., son of Frank and Annie (McGoff) McGregor, aged 1 dy.
Oct.	29.	Mary Elizabeth, widow of Henry R White and dau. of Sidney and Mary (Saunders) Saunders, aged 82 yrs., 5 mos., 2 dys.
Nov.	15.	Daniel F., son of Daniel and Fannie (Small) Towne, aged 78 yrs. 3dys
Dec.	1.	Charles Carmody, son of John and Mary Cammardy, aged 73 yrs.

Deaths in other places, Interment in Topsfield.

1913.

Jan.	31.	Ella E. Benton, died in Ipswich, Mass., aged 57 yrs. 11 mos., 19 dys.
Feb.	23.	Alexander W. Carter, died in Boxford, Mass., aged 45 yrs., 3 mos., 3 dys.
Mar.	9	Mary L. Towne, died Beverly, Mass., aged 70 yrs., 7 mos., 27 dys.
July	24.	Edward H Perkins, died in Newburyport, Mass., aged 54 yrs., 9 mos., 19 dys.
Aug.	5.	Annie E. Munsey, died in Montclair, N. J., aged 31 yrs. 7 mos., 21 dys.
Aug.	26.	Daniel G. Chapman, died in Amesbury, Mass., aged 82 yrs., 4 mos., 12 dys.
Sept.	5.	Dorothy Lord, died in Haverhill, Mass., aged 10 mos.
Sept.	27.	Sarah E. Ray, died in Salem, Mass., aged 61 yrs., 8 mos , 29 dys.
Sept.	30.	Lester H. Fuller, died in Georgetown, Mass., aged 5 mos., 8 dys.
Oct.	9.	Son of Harold Taylor, died in Beverly, Mass., aged 3 dys.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN TOPSFIELD IN 1913.

1913.	
January.	The Town buys land adjoining the Common as a site for a Public Library building.
January 16.	Shop of the Union Metallic Paint Co. (off West street) destroyed by fire.
March 22.	Fire caused by sparks from a locomotive burned over about eight acres of the Hutching's field and the Village narrowly escaped destruction.
May.	Rev. B. Alfred Dumm resigned as pastor of the Congregational Church.
June 25.	The 250th Anniversary of the Congregational Church observed.
August.	Harold Moffitt elected principal of the High School.
September 16-17	Annual cattle show of the Essex Agricultural Society.
November 4.	Henry F. Long of Topsfield elected representative to the General Court from the 24th Essex District.

BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR 1913

Topsfield Historical Society, Howlett St.; Parson Capen House restored.
 Topsfield Grange, P. of H., Main St.; Herrick's large shoe shop remodelled into a Hall with offices and Club Room on the first floor.
 Mrs. F. P. Smerage, Main St.; Herrick's small shoe shop remodelled into a Hall for the Girls' Friendly Club with shop on first floor.
 C. V. Jackman, Boston St.; cottage house occupied by Italians.
 Andrew L. Peirce, off Central St.; pump house.
 George L. Gould, Washington St.; garage.
 Herbert F. Walker, High St.; gardener's house.
 Harris E. Perkins, Central St.; barn.
 George H. Shattuck, Wenham St.; carpenters' shop.
 George A. Frame, off Haverhill St.; cottage.
 William Winchester, off Haverhill St.; cottage.
 T. Jesse Fuller, Washington St.; garage.
 Horace D. Bradstreet, Washington St.; addition to house.
 John S. Lawrence, North St.; coachman's house.

